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[illegible]vich	4,409	7th June 1899.
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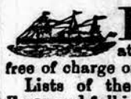

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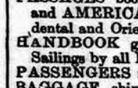

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The allotment should be fully paid up on or before the 15th July, 1899.

MD. S. HUSAIN,
Revenue Officer.

Revenue Department, Municipal Office, Madras, 8th May, 1899.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and Credits of the late THACKER MOHANJEE NANJEE, of Bombay, Lohana Inhabitant, deceased.

BAI KESSARBAI, of Bombay, Lohana Inhabitant, widow of the said deceased, residing at Mandvie Bunder, outside the Fort of Bombay...Petitioner.

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Witness, LAWRANCE HUGH JENKINS, Esq., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the 9th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Sixty-second year of our Reign.

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The property will be on view, three days before the sale.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY IN JAMBULWADY LANE ON THE KALBADEVI ROAD.

On SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagees Shunkerprasad Hariprasad and Girjaprasad Hariprasad, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagors, Mungesh Purshotum and Narayen Mungesh, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of mortgage, dated the 9th day of May, 1894, the following landed property, viz:—

All that piece of land, containing by admeasurement in length 14 sticks, and in breadth 7 sticks or thereabouts, and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 479 New No. 2468, old survey No. 1191, and new survey No. 23, together with the tenement or building standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under C Ward, Nos. 3347/73, street Nos. 13 13 to 15, all which premises are situate at and on the south side of Jambulwady Lane, Kalbadevi Road, in the registration sub-district of Bombay, in Bombay, and are bounded on the east by the house of Vithal Bhiku Sasha, on the west by the house of Nowrojee [illegible] Oomrigur, on the north by a range or chawl be[illegible] Dawoodbhai Moosabhai and on the south by the [illegible] wady Lane, and were formerly and are now in [illegible] pation of the said Mungesh Purshotum, with his fa[illegible] tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale ap[illegible] may be made to the undersigned.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 31st inst., at 1 p.m. [illegible] FORD & Co., are instructed to sell by P[illegible] No 23, Tents Wellington Lines concerning [illegible] blackwood and teakwood household furn[illegible] crockery and glassware, table ornaments, [illegible] carpets, pictures, etc., the property of J. M[illegible]

Catalogues will be published and the [illegible] view 3 days before the sale.

B[illegible]

On SATURDAY, the 20th inst., a[illegible] NETT are instructed to sell by P[illegible] rooms, a quantity of grey and colored [illegible]

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1 Bay Arab horse, quite in har[illegible]
1 Grey C. B. pony, quite in ha[illegible]

BONA-FID[illegible]

On MONDAY, the 29th inst., [illegible] NETT and Co., are instructed [illegible] No. 14, Middle Colaba, the very [illegible] and teakwood plain and carve[illegible] furniture, best plated, rich croc[illegible] China and Japanese vases, r[illegible] pictures and oleographs, rich d[illegible] table and hanging lamps, one [illegible] piano, by "Schiedmayer and Soe[illegible] N. Roberts, Esq., Solicitor.

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SUIT No. 61[illegible]
Jan Mahmod H[illegible]
vs.
Haji Abdula Haji [illegible]

Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will [illegible] the premises, by order of Limjee [illegible] ver in the above Suit, the following [illegible]

On MONDAY, the 29th [illegible]

All that piece of Government [illegible] messuage, tenement or dwelling-hou[illegible] without the Fort of Bombay, at [illegible] ern side of Kambaker Street, in the r[illegible] of Fort, registered in the books of the [illegible] venue under old Nos. 1229 and 1230, an[illegible] survey Nos. 2370 and 2371, new Survey [illegible] the Collector of Municipal Rates and [illegible] Nos. 72 and 73, and now under No. 71 Pla[illegible] 34, containing by admeasurement two hundred [illegible] and three-ninths square yards or thereabouts [illegible] on the east by the said Kambaker Street, on the [illegible] sweeper's passage on the north by the house of Ma[illegible] khan Subedar-Major and on the south by the h[illegible] of Bohra Gulam Husein Nulwalla which said premises w[illegible] formerly in the occupation of the tenants of Haji Saleh M[illegible] honed bin Haji Mahomed and are now in the occupatio[illegible] the tenants of the said Haridas Premji.

On TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 p.m.

All that piece or parcel of land or fazendari gro[illegible] belonging to Mirza Ali Mahomed Khan, with the messu[illegible] tenement, or dwelling-house or stable erected and [illegible] thereon, situate, lying and being

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THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, MONDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 20th, 22nd and 24th instant, being Public Holidays, under the "Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881."

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 25m. Sun sets, 6h. 27m. High water, 3-43m. 4-21s. Low water, 9-20m. 11-29s. Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan, per extra s. s. Hiroshima Maru, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 10 a.m., to-morrow.—Mails for Colombo, the Straits Settlements, China, Japan and Australia, per s. s. Bengal, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday next.

ESCAPE FROM THE REFORMATORY.—Ismail Allarukhia, a Mahomedan lad, aged sixteen years, undergoing three years' reformatory discipline, escaped on the 16th instant from the Madhowji Dharamsey Mill, where he had been sent along with some other boys from the Reformatory. No trace of the boy has been ascertained.

RESCUE BY A PEON.—Abdoola Mayroo, a Mahomedan lad, aged sixteen years, residing with his father at Nowroji Hill, fell into the sea at Gunpowder Bunder, Mazagon, on Monday afternoon. A Customs peon, on duty at the bunder, jumped into the sea and rescued the boy from drowning. The police had the lad removed to J. J. Hospital, where on examination it was ascertained that Abdoola was suffering from plague. He was sent to the Grant Road Plague Hospital.

NEW INVENTION FOR DEAFNESS.—Dr. Hirji Jehangir Dadysett has obtained a patent for his aerial draw-support. The invention consists of a flexible artificial tympanum, which may be fitted against the natural tympanum of the ear in cases where by reason of perforation or of thickening of the natural tympanum the hearing is injuriously affected. This artificial tympanum provides a medium through which sounds are intensified, so that the injured ear drum is made effectually to serve its ordinal purpose. The drum consists of a flexible disc, made of India-rubber, which fits into the ear cavity and against the tympanum. To it is attached a small trumpet-shaped tube, whose interior opening may or may not traverse the flexible disc. When the opening traverses the disc in the case of a perforated tympanum it directs the sound-waves against an unperforated part. When the opening does not traverse the tympanum, a short wire is inserted like the petal of a flower in the trumpet-shaped tube to serve as a sound conductor. The artificial tympanum and trumpet-shaped tube being made of India-rubber can safely be worn day and night without causing any pain in the ear.

THEFT OF CURRENCY NOTES.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Sanders-Slater, Pandu Khirappa was charged with theft of currency notes, of the value of Rs. 1,500. Mr. Sakhardande appeared for the prosecution. The complainant, Narayen Vidappa, a commission agent, keeps a firm in New Hanuman Lane, while the accused, a small commission agent, was allowed to sit and do business in the same shop. On Saturday last, the complainant brought to the firm's place from the Bank of Bombay Rs. 6,000 in currency notes. After making several payments, he put the rest of the currency notes for Rs. 5,000 in his cash-box, in which he last saw them safe on Monday morning. The accused was sitting close by, and the complainant told him to keep a watch over the box during his absence. Complainant then went to the Prince's Dock to see some friends off by a coasting steamer. He left the firm about 1 p.m., and on his return home, about 6 p.m., he saw the accused in the room. On opening the box, however, complainant missed the currency notes for Rs. 1,500. On the accused denying all knowledge of the loss, a report was made to the police, to whom the accused pointed out two persons to whom he had delivered two notes for Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500, respectively. Accused pleaded not guilty, but was on the evidence convicted and sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH OF MAY, 1899.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased briskly to rapidly in Sind and Rajputana and at Lahore, Sirsa, Cawnpore, Jhansi, Bhuj, Neemuch, Jubulpore, Hoshangabad, Akola and Malegaon, and has been steady or has changed only lightly elsewhere. Readings are highest on the Malabar Coast and lowest in Upper Sind. Gradients are moderately steep.

Winds in Sind, Rajputana and Central Provinces are irregularly cyclonic, while variable breezes or calms prevail over the rest of the country. The force has been strong at Bhuj, Rajkot and Belgaum and fresh to light elsewhere. This morning the wind velocity was 28 miles an hour at Bhuj, 20 at Aurangabad, 18 at Surat, and 16 at Ajmere, Khandwa, Akola, Malegaon and Poona.

The variations of both the maximum and minimum are within 7° of the normal either way over the whole country except at Masulipatam, where the maximum is 9° in defect. The highest temperature in the shade was 115° at Jacobabad and the lowest 66° at Bangalore.

Humidity has increased considerably at Allahabad, Ajmere, Deesa, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Indore, Khandwa, Aurangabad, Sholapur, Malegaon and Bangalore, and the skies are cloudy to overcast over nearly the whole of the southern portion of the reporting area.

Over an inch of rain has fallen at Mangalore (1·12") light to moderate showers at Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Bangalore, Cochin, Calicut and Raipur and a few drops at Amraoti Secunderabad and Bellary.

The weather in Sind, Rajputana Gujarat, Central India and Central Provinces is somewhat disturbed, and is likely to become more or less cloudy. Conditions are favourable for light showers in Ceylon, on the Malabar Coast and at a few stations in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

TUESDAY: The barometer has continue to fall, the change over North-West and North-East India having been brisk, The barometer is almost every where lower than usual, and a deepish depression is shown over the Western Desert, while a small shallow depression is shown over Lower Bengal. The winds are westerly over North Bombay the central parts of the country and the Peninsula, and are South-easterly in most parts of Northern-India; but in Bengal the directions are cyclonic. The force is fresh in the Deltaic Bengal. The weather is unsettled and cloudy over Burma, North East India, the Kashmir, the Himalayas, and the South-West of the Peninsula, where more or less rain has fallen. The principal amounts are four inches at Barisal and Narayangung, three inches at Cuttack Jessore, Sibsagar, and Mangalore. The weather is better than usual over, Punjab, Sind the Rajputana Gujerat Central India, Central Provinces the Bombay Deccan and South India; while it is cooler than usual in most other places. The highest maximum reported is 115 degrees at Jacobabad.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—MAY 15.

10 p.m. ..... 84·1

TUESDAY.—MAY 16.

6 a.m. ..... 82·7
10 a.m. ..... 87·6
2 p.m. ..... 89·4
4 p.m. ..... 89·0

WE believe that the provisions of the Uniforms Act have been extended to India, but all the same a very large trade is carried on in cast-off soldiers military clothing. We hear of English firms sending out thousands of scarlet tunics and overcoats with regimental buttons, numbers, badges, facings etc., all complete, and these seem to find a ready market somewhere in the country. Now and then a case in the lower courts shows that several agencies do a large business in this line to the tune of ten thousand or so scarlet tunics. What becomes of these articles? The native States can hardly absorb all these consignments, nor does there appear any preponderance of scarlet habiliments among natives in British territory. Perhaps inquiry in the right quarter would show.

THE marriage of the minor Maharaja of Vizianagram with the daughter of Thakur Surajbuksh Singh, a leading taluqdar of Oudh, was celebrated at Kasmanda, from the 6th to the 11th instant, with great eclat. Elephants, richly caprisoned, horses and other valuable articles were presented to the bridegroom and his relations. Previously to the marriage a nazrana of two lakhs was settled to be paid to H. H. the Dowager-Maharani of Vizianagram by the bride's brother, Thakur Sripal Sing—a name, by the way, well known in racing circles. The bride is eleven years old. The Thakurs of Kasmanda are Dais Rajputs who, according to Sherring, take the lead of all other Rajputs in Oudh. The Maharaja and his party left Lucknow on Thursday night by special train for Benares.

THE COLLISION ON THE B. B. & C. I RAILWAY.

DOLBEN'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.

MR. ALLAN F. TURNER, the Coroner, resumed the inquiry, yesterday afternoon, at the new offices of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company, Church Gate, regarding the circumstances under which three persons, viz., Babaji Baji, aged forty years, Doorgabai, a girl, aged ten years, and her brother, Arjoot Balla, aged eight years, met their deaths while travelling between Marine Lines and Churney Road stations, on the morning of the 10th ultimo. Mr. P. Byrne, of Messrs. Roughton and Byrne, solicitors, appeared for J. Dolben, the driver of the engine which collided with the up local train. Mr. Clabby, the Superintendent, and Mr. Maneckshaw D. Doctor, Chief Inspector of the Railway Police, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Railway Company. Mr. De Sa, Traffic Inspector, was also present.

Joseph Dolben was re-called and further cross-examined by Mr. Maneckshaw.

Mr. Maneckshaw: I refer you, Mr. Dolben, to rule 147 of the Railway Rules, which requires every guard and driver to carry a copy of the rules for the time being in force under section 47 of the Indian Railways Act 1890, while on duty, also to carry the time table, equipments, and stores. Do you know that rule?

Mr. Dolben: I have made my statement and I have nothing more to say.

Coroner: What you have to say or not to say depends upon us. You have to answer questions. You have given your evidence in examination-in-chief and are now being cross-examined. Mr. Maneckshaw has a right to cross-examine you.

Witness said that rule 147 referred to by Mr. Maneckshaw read that way, and according to that rule he was bound to carry a copy of the Railway rules. However, as he did not know the rule he did not apply for it. He had no copy of the working time-tables. He had not got a copy of the working main line time tables. He had not received a copy of any time tables.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Then how do you work your train without any of these time tables with you?

Dolben: I used to work my trains by referring to my watch. I know the time of arrivals and departures. I did not know that No. 74 up local train had preceded me. I have said that I had to look for No. 2 signal while passing under the bridge.

Mr. Maneckshaw: You have also said that while passing under the bridge both of your firemen were engaged?

Dolben: Yes, I have stated so.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Knowing that both of your firemen were engaged, was it not your duty to place yourself in such a position as to enable you to see the signal? Was it not your duty to go to the other side and ascertain the true position of the signal, when you did look for it and could not see it from your own side?

Dolben: Right hand side of an engine is the better side from which to observe the signals. When I could not see No. 2 signal from the Queen's Road side, immediately after passing the overbridge, it is my duty to go to the other side—sea side. I don't know whether I could have seen No. 74 local train, if I had posted myself on the right hand side of the engine.

Mr. Maneckshaw: You have stated that it was very difficult to see signal No. 2, owing to trees and a curve?

Dolben: Yes.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Have you ever reported your difficulty in seeing the signal to the Railway authorities?

Dolben: No.

Mr. Maneckshaw: You have stated that the whole of No. 74 up local train had passed No. 2 signal, except four or five carriages—how do you know that?

Dolben: Because I saw the train when I was off the engine.

Mr. Maneckshaw: But there are several persons who say that the train had not passed the signal—how do you account for it?

Dolben: I have got two eyes, and I saw the train in that position.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Supposing that the train had passed the signal, as you have stated, would it not have given you more space between the two signals to avert the collision?

Dolben: Yes, but there was the signal, which wrought all the mischief.

Mr. Maneckshaw: You have stated that the shock of the collision was light, but you know that it was so severe as to telescope two of the waggons of the local train—how do you account for that circumstance?

Dolben: The shock to my engine was light and I did not feel it. My engine rushed into the rear of No. 74 and did more damage, because the train was a dead weight and was stopped by means of the vacuum brake. I know rule 21 of the Subsidiary Rules, which says that the vacuum brake must be in working order before leaving the shed. There is no rule in the world which says that a vacuum-brake must be used on a light engine. Before leaving the shed I must examine the vacuum brake and see whether it is in working order. Having satisfied myself that it is in order, I shut it on until I have to couple it to a train.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Then should not the vacuum-brake be kept ready in case of emergency?

Dolben: It is not necessary. I met the driver of the passenger train about half-a-minute after the collision. I drew the attention of De Silva to signal No. 1. De Silva was the only person to whom I showed the signal.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Why did you not show it to the guard?

Dolben: The guard jumped off the brake-van and ran away, and I saw no more of him. I did not know what became of him. He mixed himself in the crowd and disappeared.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Why did you not show it to your firemen.

Dolben: I did not consider it my business to do so.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Besides De Silva are there any witnesses to corroborate you that the signal was down?

Dolben: No. The statement made by the guard that I asked one of my firemen whether the signal was down is false.

Mr. Maneckshaw: Were your employed in the North-Western Railways before?

Dolben: Yes, for about twenty-two months.

Mr Byrne said that he knew what Mr Maneckshaw was driving at. He would object to the next question.

Coroner: If Mr. Dolben had committed murders before or any serious offence, that has nothing to do with the present enquiry.

Dolben: Certainly, what I did while on the North-Western Railways has nothing whatever to do with the present enquiry. I can show Mr. Maneckshaw certificates which no man in this country has ever obtained.

Mr. Maneckshaw: I am awfully glad to hear that, Mr. Dolben.

Re-examined by Mr. Byrne, witness said that he had no time tables on the train which he was going to work with his engine. It was not his duty to go to the other side of the engine to look for No. 2 signal, when he saw that his first fireman was on the foot-plate on that side, apparently looking in front.

Examined by the Coroner, witness said that his second fireman never before worked with him on the same engine. There was a turn-table at the Parel running shed and also at Colaba. It was not optional for the drivers to run tender foremost or funnel foremost.

To the Jury: I could not have averted the accident if I had my vacuum-brake ready for use, on account of the engine being too close to the train.

If you had seen the train on the line after passing under the overbridge, could you have pulled up in time to avert the collision?

Dolben: Not in the space I had. I could have stopped my engine with the brake I had in use on the engine within the length of three rails.

Mr. Byrne said that he had to call on behalf of his client four witnesses, all of whom were in the employ of this Railway company. They were not present in court and would not come to give evidence, unless they were subpœnaed. He under the circumstances asked for summonses against those witnesses. The names of the witnesses were mentioned by Mr. Byrne in court.

The inquiry was adjourned to Friday next, at 2-30 p.m.

IMPREGNABLE PARIS.

A WELL-INFORMED military writer, a member of the general staff of the German army, has given it as his opinion that a successful siege of Paris would be, under present conditions, an impossible undertaking. The new fortifications that surround the French capital are some fifteen or twenty miles from the city, and are connected with Paris and with each other by a railway system which would enable the French Commander to quickly mass at one point a very large body of men, while the general of the besieging army if he wished to prevent the city from obtaining supplies, and thus shut in the people and the army that was defending it, would have to occupy a line extending more than one hundred miles, and hence could not by any possibility collect a large number of his forces at any one point to resist with even a shadow of hope an attack of the enemy. It required a German army of approximately 500,000 men to lay siege to Paris from September 19, 1870, to January 30, 1871, but the authority we refer to is of the opinion that to repeat the same operation a German besieging army would have to number more than 2,000,000 men, and the work of maintaining such a force and properly handling its parts would be something which few Governments would care to undertake and few military commanders would be able to efficiently perform.

MUZZLING THE SECRETARIAT.

No announcement, perhaps, of Lord Curzon's since his arrival in India, gives rise to greater hope of solid structural reform than the intelligence that he is taking steps to muzzle the secretariat. One may laugh with his Excellency at the ponderous "manuscript" eloquence of Indian gentlemen upon Legislative Councils, but ridicule may with equal justice be directed to those past masters in the arts of repetition and circumlocution who from generation to generation, have sat in the high places of Indian bureaucracy. The pernicious habit of spilling ink upon paper is infectious, and it has long been a reproach of the Indian administration that its reports are so voluminous in every department—as copious as leaves in Vallombrosa, but less fertilising—and it has frequently been observed that little Indian bureaucrats is prone to act in haste and to repent at leisure. How far this may be due to simple love of thoroughness on the one hand, or to the idleness which shirks compression, or to the egoism which finds in the correction of personal ignorance by experience and observation the delights of original discovery, one need not consider. The fact remains that it is impossible for a stranger to attempt to walk down the broad thoroughfares of the Administration without exposing himself at every step to clamorous and insistent solicitation that he should walk up every purlieu of detail. There is no proposition so simple that it is not subjected to close analysis; the dependence of the population upon the harvests and of the harvests upon the rainfall has to be established year after year; and it is the fashion to support the meanest and most obvious of sanitary platitudes with a parade of simple arithmetic and impregnable batteries of syllogism. The effect of all this writing is far more serious than any waste of time or of money, than any discredit or ridicule; these are negative evils; there are positive evils as well. It is not necessary to dwell on the distraction of officers from more profitable employement, such as personal intercourse with the people, for this is a commonplace with all who desire to see the district officer descend from the stool. A far more weighty objection lodges in the fact that over-writing and over-centralisation are inseparable. This may not at first sight be recognised, but it is profoundly true. To what it writes no less than to what it works our nature is inevitably subdued. One is insensibly carried along in the pressure and elucidation of ideas, which attend written composition, from one logical position to another, undisturbed by the interference of practical difficulties. The picture on paper is very fair to see, and the practical difficulties, when they arise, are slurred over or shovelled away, and no loose habits are fostered, which give precedence over practical necessity to a clever intellectual viewiness of problems. Nor is this the last or the principal evil. By steady concentration of ideas on the working of the administrative machine one is apt to lose sight of the ends of administration and to sacrifice what is essential to what is merely accidental to good government. And so the machinery is elaborated at the cost of some flaw in the finished product. Such a proceeding is harmless enough in matters of merely academic interest, but it is profligate and almost tyrannous when human happiness is in the scale. There is another danger which cannot be overlooked in this connection. The mere multiplication of reports, so far from being absorbent of undue official activity, is a direct incentive to hasty and ill-considered reform. Something has to be written *de omni scibili*. Every variation demands notice, every statistical solecism must illustrate some theory, or bear witness of inefficiency, and once a man has committed himself to an opinion in writing he will not hastily withdraw it or be a party to its modification. Opinions breed opinions, and there is a tendency to give to a mass of opinion the influence of fact. This is no mere speculation. The Indian Statute Book itself is witness to much forced legislation, which had better been left undone.

Reprehensible as is much of the work of the Secretariat, it would not be fair to hold the Secretaries alone or in great measure to blame for the result. They are not the sole, even if they be, which may be doubted, the chief offenders. Most men make to seek distinction, and it is of the essence of distinction to differ from your fellows; else there is but little meaning in the term. Now, the easiest form of distinction and by no means the least reputable, is to simply differ in opinion, to advance new theories, to be, as it is called, original. But as the number of new theories which can creditably be advanced is limited, it is natural that ambition should take a critical turn. Now, criticism tends to run to intellectual excess, and intellectual excess is the prelude to ill-advised reforms. In so far, then, as he closes the door to unhealthy distinction in the Secretariat, Lord Curzon is introducing a very salutary principle of reform. We trust he will not rest there. It has many times been advocated that the system of annual reporting should be modified. There can, we think, be little doubt that annual reporting has overgrown itself, and that much valuable labour is sacrificed for no adequate return. The system also tends to choke the Administration with departmentalism, the evils of which have already been lightly indicated. Let triennial or quinquennial reports be introduced more generally, and Government officers will be spared much unnecessary and wearing labour. There can be no really good administration by officers who are over-worked and over-wrought. For over-work leads to irritability, and irritability creates a most unfortunate impression among a public ignorant of its cause and themselves injured or annoyed at its expression. The saving of time and of temper, which may be expected from such a reform, will also conduce to the leisurely formation of opinion and to the true perception of the relative proportion of things, which is all essential in India. It is one of the most distressing features of modern Indian statesmanship, that in proportion as the problems of administration become more delicate and complicated, the officers upon whose advice and intelligent execution of their policy Governments must largely rely, have less and less leisure to reflect upon the consequences of their acts. All this pressure is unmitigated evil, and if Lord Curzon, with his experience and practical sagacity, will devise and take bold measures for its relief, he will have the credit of a change more efficacious than many reforms of which more has been said for the better government of India.—*Pioneer.*

THE DISPOSAL OF A BOY.

AN interesting reformatory case hails from the Reformatory School at Chinglepat. In January last a lad, between twelve and thirteen years old, was convicted of theft. It was in the Kistna district and it fell to Mr. Morris, the Kistna Magistrate, to decide how the young thief should be disposed of. The Kistna Magistrate passed a magisterial order in which, after remarking that the boy's parents were professional beggars and were not in a position to take proper care of the boy, who would be likely to lapse into crime, he ruled:—"He is therefore a fit subject for a Reformatory School, and I direct that, under section 9, clause (2) of the Act, the boy, Gogulapalli Subbadu, be sent to a Reformatory School and there detained for a period of six years, unless he shall earlier attain the age of 18." The boy was accordingly despatched to the Reformatory School, at Chingleput, by virtue of the magisterial order. Dr. Thomas, the Superintendent of the Reformatory School, had scruples, however, as to whether a magisterial order was a sufficient warranty for him to keep a boy a prisoner in the school; and he represented that, in his opinion, a *sentence* of transportation or imprisonment was necessary to bring a youthful offender within the scope of the Act under which he could be detained in the school. The representation was sent to the Judicial Department for disposal, and it was apparently considered to be well-founded; for an order has now been passed that the Government pleader will be instructed to move the High Court to revise the Magistrate's order.

THE PROPOSED MILITARY STEEPLE-CHASE MEETING.

WE referred a few days ago to a trial prospectus which had been issued proposing a military steeple-chase meeting each year—after the Inter-regimental polo tournament. It is now stated, however, that this prospectus has been disapproved at Military Head-quarters on the rather technical ground that the position of the author of the proposal as Brigade-Major of the Inspector-General of Cavalry might make it appear to emanate from that officer with the full countenance of the Commander-in-Chief and the authorities are above all things anxious to avoid the impression that officers in high position at Head-quarters can thus use their influence or appear to be promoting contests under high official approval. Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief, it is stated, is anxious to avoid appearing to countenance any new meeting which would encourage young officers to run into further and needless expense.

If this rumour is true, and the correct explanation is assigned, it appears to us that the hyper-sensitive fear of undue influence is leading the Military authorities to the other extreme of a distorted and partial view. On its merits there is little question that the circular would be welcomed all round and to say that the usefulness of the proposal is vitiated by its author signing himself Brigade-Major is straining argument. The Press and military opinion have often deplored the fact that there is so little steeple-chasing in India, and the opportunity seemed an excellent one for resuscitating it. So far from encouraging extravagance, the price of horses and ponies was limited to Rs. 1,500 and the meeting would most probably have prevented some men from spending so much as they now do on polo ponies. We shall be sorry for

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 16.

CONSOLS continued yesterday in London at 110 3-8. French Rentes advanced 1-4 per cent, to 102 3-4; and Paris Exchange on London declined 1-2 centime, to 25·20 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan remained at 115 1-2; and 3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Securities at £67 1-8. Exchange on India at 30 days' sight was unchanged at ls. 3 13-16d. Bar Silver was 1-8d. dearer, at 28 1-8d. per oz.; and in New York 1-2 cent., at 61 1-2 cents per oz., with demand exchange on London unchanged at 4·86 3-4 dollars. Braziers' Copper was quoted at £84.

For Guzerat Yellow Rapeseed the quotation was 36 1-4s. per 416lbs., May-June shipment, to Dunkirk, sellers via the Canal, market easier; for Cawnpore Yellow rapeseed, 35s. per 416lbs., May-June shipment, to Havre, sellers via the Canal, in an easier market; Linseed, 36 3-4s. per 416 lbs., April-May shipment, to Havre, sellers via the Canal, tone of the market easier.

Spot Mid.-American Cotton was 1-32d. lower in Liverpool yesterday, at 3 3-8d per lb.; East Indians, as well as American Arrivals, were stationary. The day's Sales were 10,000 bales; and the Imports, 4,000 bales. The market closed quiet, Surats dull, Arrivals quiet. The Manchester market closed firm.

In New York, Ready Mid.-Uplands declined 1-16 cent, to 6 3-16 cents. per lb.; Futures were unchanged at 5·89 and 5·93 for August and December, respectively. The day's sales were 9,000 bales; and the arrivals to date compare as follows with those in 1898 and 1897:—

	1899.	1898.	1897.
Monday's Receipts	9,020	8,900	5,300
Two days' Do.	13,000	13,500	9,203
Since 1st September ...	7,937,000	5,277,800	6,524,700

The second quarterly series of Ivory sales of the year terminated yesterday in London.

There was good competition generally, and prices were mostly higher. Of Zanzibar and East Indian descriptions, large soft teeth brought an advance of £5 to £8, while no hard were offered; large sized Ball Points were steady, medium slightly easier, small fetched fully last prices and partly £2 more; Ball Scrinelloes were firm; Soft Scrinelloes brought fully last prices, small being slightly dearer. Egyptian soft were £2 to £3 and hard £1 to £2 higher; West Africans sold firmly the best large teeth bringing an advance of £2, and Scrinelloes were without change, except the smallest which were £2 dearer; Bangle Teeth were without material alteration. In all 72 tons were offered, including Waste Sea Horse Teeth, &c.

COTTON.—Our local market has been steady in tone to-day, with a somewhat better enquiry. Exporters bought 1,560 bales, chiefly Dhollera; and the Mills 1,150 bales. For "Good" Bhownugger Rs. 124 per candy was quoted, for May delivery.

The Receipts of produce into Bombay on Sunday and yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	9,610 bales.
Wheat	70,293 cwts.
Linseed	18,706 "
Rapeseed	23,190 "
Gingellyseed	1,370 "
Poppyseed	11,945 "
Castorseed	5,171 "
Rice	11,006 "

EXCHANGE opened quiet but steady at ls. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, ls. 4d. for Demand, and ls. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight credits. The latter were scarce; Bank Paper was given to a moderate extent. Rates closed as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand ...ls. 3 31-32d.	per Rupee
Do. Telegraphic ls. 3 31-32d.	"
Credits 3 months' sight ...ls. 4 1-8d.	"
France ..... 1·99 1-2	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Rates were given at 101 1-2 and 101 9-16 for Cash and the settlement for 3 1-2 per Cents, in a quiet though steady market, for Threes 95 was still quoted.

SHARES.—There has been a little movement in prices to day, chiefly in sellers, favour, as disclosed by our revised list.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Noranmore, 3,677 tons, R E Jepson, will sail to-day for Liverpool and Dunkirk, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer India, 2,590 tons, Captain J Robertson, will sail to-day for Calcutta, with a cargo of duty paid salt.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ellora, 1,423 tons, Captain H A Sharp, will sail to-day for Calcutta and coast ports, with a general cargo and Capt Kadellic and 5 deck passengers.

THE Clan Line steamer Macneil, 1591 tons, Captain A Gladstone, which arrived in harbour on Monday evening, from Glasgow, 8th April via Liverpool and Manchester, brought a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Finlay Muir and Co.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Vasna, 502 tons, Captain R J Rickford, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi 13th May, via Kattyawar coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mrs Watson, Miss Hunter, Mr Elliot, Sayed Abdool Wahab and 445 deck.

ARRIVAL.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Vasna s	Rickford	Karachi, May 13.

DEPARTURE.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Pachumba s	Bamber	Karachi, etc.

The following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Noranmore, Japson, for Liverpool, etc.
" Ellora, Sharpe for Calcutta, etc.
" India, Robertson, for Calcutta.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—

Steamer Johannesberger, for Hamburg and Bremen.
" Ballaarat, for China.
" Samoa, for Dunkirk.
" Assyria, for Persian Gulf.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Nubia s—60 bales wool R Ameechand; 169 cwt linseed oil cake, The New Mofussil Co; 50 bales wool E D Sassoon and Co; 48 bales wool J Vally; 12 bales hemp B Bhimji; 139 cwt myrabollams N Fatehally and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Nubia s—220 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 50 bales hemp John L Kersten and Co; 990 cwt linseed and 3465 cwt gingelly-seed, John Facheri.

Gymeric s—9583 cwt wheat Ralli Bros; 40 cwt gum H Virdhur.

FOR GLASGOW.

Nubia s—50 cwt condiments H Muncherji and sons.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—68 cwt mother of pearl shell and 10 cases wild mace K B Sajun.

Calthnes s—407 cwt turmeric J Ramji 127 cwt oilbanum A Mooman 78 cwt cashmews R Dhunji and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Egypt s—7 bales carpets Latham and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Haddon Hall s—110 bales cotton E. Spinner and Co., 100 bales cotton Sly, Isaac Wright and Co 2001 cwt linseed and 2001 cwt rapeseed Owen and Okell 10 0 bales Cotton Gaddum and Co 16 bales hemp P Bhimji.

FOR GENOA.

Singapore s—300 bales cotton the Bombay Co 165 cwt coiryarn. K Khoosbal.

FOR HAMBURG.

Johnnesberger s—825 boles cotton Volkart Bros 440 bales cotton Prior de Seone and Co 440 bales cotton A Blaschecks and Co 200 cwt ajmna seed 2150 lb castus root 650 cwt Myrabollams 800 cwt rapeseed 200 cwt linseed and 300 cwt poppyseed and 300 cwt gum Volkart Brothers.

FOR BREMEN.

Johnnesberger s—440 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 3001 cwt poppyseed A Blaschcek and Co; 200 cwt mustard seed Volkart Brothers; 2000 cwt poppyseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR BARCELONA.

Singapore s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Samoa s—5500 cwt poppyseed, 7030 cwt rapeseed, 1300 cwt linseed and 1450 cwt mustard seed Volkart Brothers; 500 cwt buffalo horns E C Nanji.

FOR HAVRE.

Ile de la Reunion s—3500 cwt rapeseed A Blaschcek and Co.

Gymeric s—502 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers; 1983 cwt bonemeal A H Cassom and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Hiroshima Maru s—83 cwt Clores Quan Lun Exco; 150 lbs sandalwood oil and 500 lbs rose oil E A Mocobals.

Bormida s—22 cwt sandalwood C Ebrahim and Co; 20 bags rice P F Talati.

Bengal s—3 cwt ivory P F Talati.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bengal s—100 bales twist R S N Talati and Co; 500 bales twist Talati and Co; 300 bales twist H Mooltanchand; 300 bales twist Framji Sons and Co; 200 bales twist E Noordin and Co; 400 bales twist K Pallonji; 200 bales twist Silas E Sassoon; 500 bales twist Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Hiroshima Maru s—30 bales cotton The Mitsin.B aisha.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

DEATH.

FORREST.—At Heidelberg, on the 12th instant, Thomas Forrest, Chief Manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, London, formerly for many years in Calcutta and Bombay.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1899.

THE splendid work of Sir John Scott in reforming the judicial system in Egypt has been set forth with characteristic modesty in a paper read before the Society of Arts. He had a distinguished audience; the Chief Justice of England, Lord Russell of Killowen, presided, and many other eminent judges were present. The work, accomplished with such eminent success in six years, had been attempted by men of ability and experience, Sir Benson Maxwell and Sir Raymond West, but the time had not yet come. No doubt the labours of Sir John Scott's predecessors helped to clear the ground and facilitated his task. Sir John had also had the advantage of acquiring as an Appeal Judge in the Mixed Tribunals from 1876 to 1882 an intimate acquaintance with the defects and requirements of the Egyptian system. When invited in 1890 by Lord Cromer to spend a year in Egypt to study native justice as it then was, and to draw up a report as to the best mode of reform, his former experience enabled him to grasp the essential conditions of the problem. At that time he was a Judge of the Bombay High Court, and his services were lent by the Government of India. He spent the year in visiting the native tribunals, was present at the hearing of cases, conversed with the judges, examined their records, and carefully observed the working of the system throughout the country from Alexandria to Assouan. He admits that his report was a gloomy document, as indeed it well might be. There were codes which were fairly good, but the judges, who had been appointed without any reference to their fitness for the judicial office, were more than indifferent. A large number were quite unfit for the work. Matters were not improved by the neglect of the Executive to enforce the decisions of the Courts. One judge was appointed because he had been the door-keeper of a former Prime Minister; others because they had failed or been incompetent in other lines; they knew nothing of law, and none of the tribunals possessed any library or commentaries in which French jurists have explained the French code, which is the basis of the Egyptian. Sir John Scott, who was the judicial adviser of his Highness the Khedive, came to the conclusion that the tribunals had been labelled "Rubbish may be shot here." The bar was worse than the bench; there were some decent judges, but it was almost impossible to find a capable advocate. The police were corrupt, and the people, distrustful of them and of the Courts, never gave information as to the cause or the author of any crime. There were only seven native courts in the whole country; people were so poor that they could not afford to go any distance to get redress, and consequently comparatively few, and those only for small matters, came before the tribunals. All these defects were pointed out in the report, which recommended necessary reforms, but deprecated any revolutionary change. Radical remedies would have been costly, and would have seriously disturbed existing interests, while upsetting the way of doing things to which the Egyptian people had become accustomed.

The native courts, like the Mixed Tribunals, were framed on the French model. There were three judges to each court, and appeals were heard by five. When judge of the Mixed Tribunals, Sir John Scott had found that French law and procedure had worked well. The people had become accustomed to the French system, and French was the foreign language in general use. The report recommended that better men should be appointed to the judicial bench, but that the existing courts should be preserved and multiplied. After considerable discussion the report was accepted as a basis for the required reforms. Sir John, after much hesitation in view of the disappointment experienced by his two predecessors, gave up his Indian career to carry out the changes which he had recommended. It was decided to proceed slowly, making some cardinal changes, and a good many of secondary importance. A number of judges, wholly unqualified for their position, had to go, but it was impossible to retire them on pension until better men were found to take their place. This difficulty was got over, and at the end of the first year thirty-three judges were placed on the retired list, with pensions according to the length of their service. That was about thirty per cent. of the whole number. The new judges were the best that could be found to replace the wholly incapable. The rule was laid down that a legal diploma should thenceforth be essential for employment in a judicial capacity. It was therefore necessary to provide a supply of qualified men. The School of Law at Cairo had been so neglected that it had not even a principal. It happened that a number of young Egyptians had taken degrees in Law in France and Italy, and these formed a nucleus. A very competent French professor of law was obtained from the French University to reorganise the school, which he did with eminent success. In two years' time there was a good staff of French, Italian and Egyptian teachers, and a hundred pupils. These latter worked hard, not from any particular love of law, but to secure employment under Government. They had the usual defect of Oriental students; they relied upon their memory, and did not trouble themselves about the why and because of the codes or the principles of law. But as no pupil was allowed to enter the Law School unless he had passed a secondary examination in the Government schools, they had a basis of general knowledge. The next step was to establish a system of gradual promotion of the judges. The successful candidates who entered the service from the Law School, after passing all the examinations, obtained one hundred a year, and if they deserved promotion, they might hope eventually to reach the Court of Appeal, when their salary would be eight hundred a year. They would then be irremovable. Their tenure in the lower courts is secure except in case of grave misconduct, established by proceedings in the Court of Appeal. What remained of the incapable judges were gradually superseded, the most unfit being induced to retire by the offer of pension or of other employment under Government. Speaking in presence of judges of the English bench, Sir John deemed it necessary to apologise for the somewhat attenuated salaries attached to the judicial office in Egypt. He explained that the pay is as high as that given in Continental countries. The First President of the Court of Cassation has only twelve hundred a year, the other Presidents eight hundred, the remaining judges of that exalted Court receiving seven hundred and twenty pounds. Judges of the Appeal Courts obtain only four hundred and forty, justices of the peace one hundred and twenty. These are the salaries in Paris, in the Departments they are less. Sir John Scott considers that for Egypt, the pay is amply sufficient for the necessary requirements of life, and coupled with security of tenure, conditional on good behaviour, it has made the post of judge the most popular in the whole Egyptian administration.

With considerable difficulty, the Legal Adviser was able to bring the Egyptian Government to see that one judge in a Court of First Instance would be an improvement on three. He would work with a sense of responsibility which becomes attenuated when two colleagues sit by to share the blame of any miscarriage of justice. This point gained, a number of judges were set free to preside in the new courts which he desired to establish to make justice accessible to the population at large. The proposal, however, met with great opposition. All concerned in the judicial work were accustomed to three judges, and there was an impression that the presence of colleagues was necessary to give some promise of judicial honesty. Fortunately the Legal Adviser learned that in Algiers the French had introduced Tribunals with one judge with extended powers. The Council of Ministers, after much delay, decided in favour of the innovation, and a judge of First Instance was empowered to decide civil cases not exceeding one hundred pounds in value, and to dispose of criminal cases in which the maximum punishment does not exceed two years' imprisonment. The system was completed by the establishment of local Courts of Appeal in which three judges heard appeals from the single judge. The central Court of Appeal, which could not be altogether trusted with the supervision of all the subordinate courts, exercised by the High Court in India, was thus left free for the disposal of the more important cases. This facilitated procedure all round, and the old delays which resulted in a great accumulation of arrears, were put an end to once and for all. With a progress retarded by the necessity of getting grants from the Treasury for the purpose, forty-five one-judge tribunals were established throughout the country. The result was that the cultivator who wished to recover a small debt was no longer obliged to travel to a distant court to have his case heard by three judges whose decision might be appealed against to Cairo. Sooner than expose himself to such a loss of time and money he never went near the courts at all. To further simplify the procedure, appeals were refused except where the amount in dispute exceeded ten pounds. Under the new system a litigant went to the nearest town where an officer of the Court drew up his plaint, served it on the defendant, and fixed the day for hearing. There being no arrears the case was disposed of at once, and the executive carried out the judgment as promptly as in England. A Committee of three, of which the Legal Adviser is the chief, supervises the Tribunals, and where any fault is made clear, the judge is communicated with, and in important matters all the judges are informed of it. Measures were taken to improve the police administration. For a time these reforms seemed to shake the confidence of the public in the vigour of the Government. Men were no longer hanged on mere suspicion as a warning to evil-doers, and whole villages were not rooted up and transported to some remote district as a punishment for refusing to give up the names of malefactors. Organised brigandage became rife, and no one would give information to the authorities as to the whereabouts of the robbers. An old pasha said to Sir John: "You will find that your system won't work. Egypt wants the hand of a master, and you cannot do without the courbash." These troubles proved to be quite ephemeral. The brigands were hunted down, and the people acquired confidence in the new tribunals. The number of civil cases heard rose from less than 17,000 in 1891, to nearly 70,000 in 1898, 68,000 of these being decided by single judges. Crime is now less prevalent in proportion to the population than in England. For the first time in her long history Egypt has learned the meaning of equal justice for the powerful and the weak, the rich and the poor.

THE Constitutional Problems in Australia formed the subject of a lecture recently delivered by Mr. Sidney Webb, in dealing with which he touched on Australian Federation. He referred to the Federation Bill which has just passed, and said before the end of the present year the Draft Bill to constitute the commonwealth of Australia would be presented to Her Majesty by a virtually united continent, and it is practically certain that the Parliamentary session of 1900 will have the distinction of passing that bill into law. The question has taken years for to arrive at a basis of agreement; the chief difficulties having been the intense local patriotism of each colony, their divergent fiscal policies and industrial interests, the almost insoluble problems presented by the inter-colonial railways and rivers, the choice of a capital, and the nice adjustment of the relative claims of the larger States to their due influence and of the smaller States to their legitimate autonomy. Mr. Webb is of opinion that the education Australian statesmen have received by discussing these points renders them actually superior to Englishmen in their acquaintance with both the theory and practice of political science. The Commonwealth Bill, as now formulated, will constitute such of the Australian colonies as agree to it (but not New Zealand) into a federation under a Governor-General appointed by the Queen, with a Senate and House of Representatives. The several colonies retain their separate Government, unaltered, except that certain specified functions pass over irrevocably to the Federal Government, and certain others will be matters of arrangement between them. Thus there will at once be a single uniform federal Customs tariff, postal and telegraph service, and defensive organisation, and it will be within the power of the federal legislature to make uniform laws with regard to such subjects as marriage, immigration, and commercial law. Old-age pensions are expressly mentioned in the constitution as a subject for federal legislation. The State Governments deal with all questions of internal taxation, railways, public works, and the whole civil and criminal law so far as not expressly assigned to the federation. The passing of the bill marks an epoch in Imperial politics, as a United Australia will be, in a sense, an empire within an empire. The Federal movement must ultimately open up problems of the relation between Australia and the rest of the Empire, no less interesting and intricate than the problems of internal politics which Mr. Webb discussed. There can be no doubt Australia is naturally a political unit. Neither in the geography nor in the history of the continent is there any bar to the union which the circumstances obviously suggest. The abolition of artificial States, held together by the mechanical bond of some dynastic supremacy or of military force, and the substitution of a real and living state, made one by the bonds of history or race and kept together by inter-communication through all its parts, will, undoubtedly, advance political freedom and efficiency. Whatever its difficulties, the Federal movement has a great future before it. It is noteworthy that the Australian legislators have unanimously decided against the American Constitution, being of opinion that the English system of responsible government is preferable. That system has never yet co-existed with a federation, and Mr. Webb thinks it might be found very difficult to work with two Houses of legislature both directly elected by the people. Further, he considers it a moot point whether the Federal Senate, consisting of six from each state, elected by the whole state, would not be a more powerful body than the Federal House of Representatives, elected by the same voters arranged in constituencies of equal populations. The question also arises whether a Ministry can be responsible to both Houses. Mr. Webb approved of the provision for deadlocks which is to be a dissolution of both Houses at the option of the Federal Ministry or Governor-General, followed by a joint sitting of the newly-elected Houses in which a simple majority will decide.

THE changes forthcoming in the conditions of service of warrant officers of the Indian Subordinate Medical Department have just been published. According to the new rules they are graded into four classes, the first two of which are styled "conductors," and the remaining two "sub-conductors." Compensation for quarters, furlough pay, half-pay, and pensions are according to the allowances already authorized for the corresponding former grades. It is necessary for a man to put in five years' service in the fourth class and seven years each in third and second classes before he can be promoted to the first class, and his elevation thereto is dependent upon his passing a stiff examination at the end of that period. The Government are very strict on this point, and if a man has been on field service they take no notice of the fact if he fails to come through the examination. The system by which the present men will be graded is as follows:—Those under five years' service will be graded in the 4th class; those of five and under twelve years' service in the 3rd class; those of 12 and under nineteen years' service in the 2nd class; those of nineteen years' service and over in the 1st class; and their rank in their new class will in like manner be fixed according to the date of their warrant rank. Assistant Surgeons whose position in the list is abnormal owing to promotion, degradation, etc., are placed so as to occupy their present relative position. Officers of the second and first class are given two years in which to pass the qualifying examination where not already qualified.

WE hear from a well informed source that the Government of Bombay, after much very natural hesitation, has resolved to sanction the proposal that the alumni of the Bombay University who have passed in some subjects and failed in others shall be allowed to try again with regard to these last. This is the system of passing "by compartments" proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade. Success will be made so easy that the degrees of the University, it is to be feared, will have no value.

THE balloting at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday for a Trustee of the Port of Bombay to act during the absence of Mr. J. L. Symons resulted in the election of Mr. William Greaves of Messrs. Ewart Latham & Co.

THE Karachi Municipality have resolved to memorialize the Bombay Government, protesting against the conversion of the Kotri-Shadipalli line from the broad to the meter gauge. The proposed step is considered a retrograde one and opposed to the interests of the port, and the contemplated expenditure of the 8 lakhs of rupees sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India for the said conversion is a mere waste of money. We believe the Karachi Chamber of Commerce has also submitted a similar protest.

FOR the year the total trade of British India, inclusive of treasure, was valued at over seventy crores, or a decrease equivalent to over nine per cent. Imports fell off by over eleven per cent. and exports by slightly over one per cent.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 22nd April 1899, shows an increase on the corresponding week of 1898 of 279,434 maunds with a decrease of Rs. 45,146 in the earnings.

AFTER playing two drawn games, Ranchi defeated the Calcutta Rangers for the Hockey Brighton by one goal to nil.

MAJOR A. MONEY, R. A., interpreter to H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, goes home on three months' leave by next mail.

JOSEPH WILLIAM LEE, the Mutiny veteran, whose thrilling narrative of the tragic events of the dark days of 1857 must have interested thousands of people, died at Cawnpore on the 11th, and was buried with Volunteer and Masonic honours.

WE regret to hear of the death at Mussoorie on Thursday morning from enteric of Mrs. Cresswell, wife of Colonel E. W. Cresswell, R. E., Military works Department, Meerut. Mrs. Cresswell will be much missed in Meerut society, where her many amiable qualities won her the esteem of all with whom she came in contact.

THE Director of Agriculture's report for the week ending May 10th in the United Provinces states that with the exception of slight showers in a few districts the weather has been seasonable. The harvesting of the spring crops is virtually over: agricultural prospects are favourable: and except in a few districts where they have risen, prices are almost stationary.

THE plague returns of the villages in the Jullundur district for the 10th instant show only one death in Mahrampur village. The plague returns of the Jullundur district for the 11th May are as follows:—Dodhala, one death; Bhangal, one case; Mahrampur, one case; Musapur one case and one death. The village of Bahara has been declared free of plague.

ALMOST the whole of the property belonging to Ghian Ghir, the Hyderabad Gosai, who was robbed two months ago, has been recovered. It amounts to jewellery and cash about nine lakhs and twenty-six thousand. One of thieves was caught at Dharur road side station on the Nizam's Railway, another at Golkonda and these two implicated twenty-three other men with whom large quantities of jewellery were found. All are arrested. The police has been awarded one lakh as a reward.

THE Punjab Government is, we understand, issuing a notification prohibiting all persons from travelling from, or by way of, any place in the Nawashahr tahsil of the Jullundur district and the Garshankar tahsil of the Hoshiarpur district, to the neighbourhood of Jhangi Mahi Shah in tahsil Dasuya, Hoshiarpur district, at the time of the Jhangi Mahi Shah Fair, which is to be held there from the 23rd to the 25th instant.

AN attempt is being made to reintroduce sericulture into the Gilgit district. Mr. Walton, the Superintendent of Sericulture in Kashmir, has supplied some European silk-worm-eggs, which have been distributed among the villages and have been successfully hatched. The Agency Surgeon is rearing a small quantity of silk-worms strictly on lines laid down by Mr. Walton, as a means of affording technical instruction to any one who may be desirous of taking up the industry seriously.

A PARTY of Sowars surrounded a hill in the Bead District in the Nizam's State, on which a number of dacoits had recently encamped. The dacoits were well armed and fought desperately with the Sowars. The latter contrived to surround their enemies and a hand to hand fight ensued in which the Sowars proved victors. During the encounter eleven of the dacoits were killed, 16 wounded and 39 were taken prisoners, while the rest, numbering more than 20, managed to effect their escape. A quantity of arms were found on the hill and the party of Sowars returned to their headquarters in triumph.

THE heat during Friday except in Burma, South-West Bengal and the Bombay Deccan, has been greater than usual, the excess being over 9 degrees in the Punjab, 7 in Rajputana, 6 in Sindh, and 5 in Assam and Central India. The excess was over 13 in Sialkot and 12 at Lahore and Jacobabad, and the night temperatures in several Punjab stations has been 14 to 17 over the average. The highest maxima were over 119° at Jacobabad, 116° at Multan, and 115° at Bikanir and Kotah. A hailstone, which came as close as Muridki, appreciably reduced the oppressive heat in Lahore on the evening.

LIEUTENANT NORMAN FYFE UNIACKE has been killed in the fighting in the Niger [illegible] entered the army as a subaltern in the [illegible] in 1892. The expedition on which [illegible] was engaged [illegible] of Benin [illegible] responsible [illegible] Consul General [illegible] which visited Benin [illegible] burg of the 2nd Dragoon Guards, who [illegible] land a few weeks ago after nine months' [illegible] city, told a correspondent of a Home paper [illegible] he left Africa the Protectorate authorities [illegible] paring an expedition to hunt down [illegible] was still at large, and it was expected [illegible] fighting would take place.

A DARING attempt at dacoity [illegible] at Karachi. Six Pathans (Peshawar [illegible] enter a house, and the chowkidar [illegible] immediately raised the alarm, and [illegible] were sleeping in the outhouses, [illegible] The dacoits on finding that they [illegible] immediately took to their heels [illegible] hurting one of the people on the [illegible] a stone. When day broke the Police [illegible] icated with and they tracked the foot [illegible] a house in Khumbarwara and [illegible] evildoers. On their way the police [illegible] and a pair of shoes that were imbedded [illegible] of the Lyari river. The miscreants [illegible] before Mr. Framroze on the charge [illegible] burglary. It appears that those Pathans [illegible] taken a part in the late big dacoity [illegible] Jungle, as the foot prints, in both instances [illegible] impress of grass shoes.

THE Maharajah of Patiala has sent his [illegible] to Simla in view of the forthcoming tournament [illegible] as on other occasions will enter two teams, [illegible] which will take a lot of beating. The match [illegible] which the Patiala people maintain their excellence [illegible] the game is highly creditable; and although it may [illegible] get a bit monotonous to see the same combination [illegible] win the best prizes, season after season, yet we cannot stint the praise due to the pluck and perseverance necessary to bring about such a consummation. Patiala is a sportsman of many loves, and he is exceptionally blest in being successful with all. Polo was his first love, and his devotion, continued in spite of other attractions, has been well rewarded. He claims for his team the championship of India, and it is hard to dispute the title in face of the fact that it has gone unchallenged even by the redoubtable forces of Jodhpore. The only teams that can claim to have defeated the full force of Patiala, are the invincible and peerless Durhams, and that fine sporting horse regiment, the 18 Hussars.

A CURIOUS grant of a good service pension appears in this week's "Gazette of India," the recipient being Sir Joseph Fayrer of the Indian Medical Service, retired, in place of Surgeon-General Cleghorn, who resigns the pension on retirement. As far as eminent service goes, there can, of course, be no question of Sir Joseph Fayrer's claims, but if his career has been distinguished, it cannot be said to have missed reward. After quitting the Indian service, where he had held for many years the principal position in Calcutta, he became President of the Medical Board at the India Office, and retained this enviable appointment for twenty years, with the liberty of combining with it an extensive private practice. To create an exception in favour of an officer whose career has been fortunate beyond that of any of his contemporaries, by bestowing on him twenty-five years after retirement a pension that is all but invariably reserved for those on the active list, is a proceeding for which there may be strong grounds, but which, in the absence of explanation will be liable to appear to the men of the present as something very like an injustice.

IN an interesting article on the "origin of diamonds" in the current number of the "Edinburgh Review," the writer says: "In India the epoch of approximate exhaustion arrived some centuries ago. Systematic mining has long been abandoned. Diamonds are now only met with sporadically in the river-beds of the Deccan and hardly in sufficient plenty to meet native demands. Practically none leave the country." As a matter of fact there are diamond mines in Bundelkhand, mostly on the Panna plateau, which is owned by several Native States, as well as in the Deccan, and from what Mr. David Hooper says of them in his review of the mineral production of India, it is doubtful whether they have ever been properly worked. "There are no State works," writes Mr. Hooper, "and no capital is expended, consequently a shaft once sunk has to be abandoned after the rains from want of machinery to keep it open. The method of procedure is accordingly chiefly by superficial mines which are worked during the rains since no water is available during the hot season." It can hardly be said that approximate exhaustion has been arrived at until mining operations are carried on in a more scientific way.

IN commenting on the jail administration in Assam for the year 1898, Mr. Cotton is glad to find that the unenviable reputation of Assam for showing the heaviest jail mortality in India has now been lost, the death-rate having fallen from 51·6 per mille in 1894 to 36·6 per mille in 1898. The admirable result has been brought about by attention to the diet of prisoners and increased medical supervision during the unhealthy months of the year. There would appear to be a good many worse places than the prisons of Assam, for in the earthquake year the death-rate per mille among prisoners was 48·7, while amongst the general population it was 50·61 per mille. Some progress was made towards repairing the damages caused by the earthquake, but much still remains to be done, as the Administration has been compelled to enforce economy in every direction, and the necessary repairs can only be gradually carried out. Expenditure on maintenance also increased by about one lakh of rupees, due to more liberal diet, sick comforts and supply of blankets in the cold weather, and although humanity advocates kindly treatment of prisoners, many a poor sculo in Assam has probably to go without some of the "comforts" meted out to his criminal brother.

[redacted]LEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

[redacted]ESTY THE QUEEN IN LONDON

LONDON, MAY 15, MIDNIGHT.

Her Majesty the Queen has arrived in London, and will remain for her birthday celebrations.

Her Majesty to-day paid a visit to the room at Kensington Palace in which she was born, and was heartily cheered by large crowds assembled all along the route.

THE COMING PEACE CONFERENCE.

MAY 16.

The representatives of the Powers at the approaching Peace Conference are arriving at the Hague.

The Conference will open on Thursday next.

BRITISH EXPEDITION FROM HONG-KONG.

Advices from Hongkong state that two thousand troops have left there for Kowloon, under secret orders.

Four British gunboats are co-operating with this force, and it is believed that the intention is to occupy Kowloon City and extend the new boundary to the hills at the back.

THE RUSSIAN DEMANDS ON CHINA.

MAY 15, MIDNIGHT.

The Tsung-li-Yamen, in reply to the Russian demand to connect the Manchurian System direct [illegible] it can no longer believe in Russian friendship.

[redacted]HE COMMONS ON THE [redacted]BJECT.

[redacted] to a question in the Commons until the full facts regarding [redacted]

[redacted]DITURE.

[redacted] reply to a question in the [redacted] M. Bhownuggree, said [redacted]tter to the Commissioner regretting the delay [redacted]g their report, and [redacted]bmitted.

[redacted]t of their replies he [redacted]dvisable in regard [redacted]sion.

[redacted]G RULES.

[redacted]ONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

[redacted] of the Government of [redacted]mining rules, will be [redacted]ew days, the general [redacted]d being to facilitate the [redacted] private enterprise.

[redacted] APPOINTMENT AT [redacted]ANGOON.

[redacted] of a Government Engineer and [redacted]angoon has been made a five-yearly [redacted] Government of India have approved of [redacted]ointment to it of Chief Engineer H. Johnston, [redacted]

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT.

[redacted]n Bingley, 7th Bengal Infantry, has been [redacted] special duty at Simla, to revise the Army [redacted]ns, and the Volumes relating to Volunteers [redacted]Discipline.

[redacted]HYDERABAD AND THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

[redacted] Hyderabad State is sending a fine series of [redacted]its to the Paris Exhibition.

[redacted]EATH OF COLONEL A. M. MUIR.

[redacted]olonel A. M. Muir, of the Political Department, [redacted]d suddenly at Nepal, yesterday.

PLAGUE PRECAUTION.

Prohibition against calling out for training of Reservists from plague-infected localities in Bombay Command has been extended to apply until the coming Monsoon.

RESIGNATION.

Major P. Cardew, Electrical Adviser to the Board of Trade, has resigned with a view to taking up consulting work in London, in partnership with Mr. Preece, F. R. S., President of the Instutition of Civil Engineers. [redacted]

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

WEEKLY RETURNS.

Only 149 deaths from plague occurred in the whole of India, other than the Bombay Presidency, in the week ending the 14th instant. In the Bombay Presidency also the mortality fell to 1,084, of which Bombay City accounts for 323 deaths and Karachi city for 181. Of the 149 deaths outside Bombay Presidency, the Madras Presidency reports ten, Bellary District one, North Arcot district four, and Salem district five. Mysore State reports 51 deaths, Kolar Gold Fields returning 32, Mysore City 18, and Bangalore Cantonment one. Hyderabad State returns only one death, which occurred in Lingsugur district. The Punjab returns nine, all in Jallundur District. Bengal returns 74, Calcutta contributing 60 and Howrah district 14, while all other Bengal districts return clean sheets, as is also the case with Assam, Baluchistan, Rajputana, and the Central Provinces.

THE BURMA-CHINESE BOUNDARY.

DEMARCATING THE FRONTIER.

RANGOON, MAY 16.

Mr. J.G.Scott, C.I.E., British Commissioner on the Burma-Chinese Boundary, on completion of the delimitation of the section from Bhamo to Salween, has been ordered to proceed to Yunnanfu to consult with the Viceroy of Yunnan on the programme for next season's operations, when it is expected that the last section of the frontier will be demarcated. Mr. Scott is not expected to return to Burma before the end of July or the beginning of August, Yunnanfu being nearly forty marches from [redacted]

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

ESSEX VICTORY EXPLAINED.

ALLAHABAD, MAY 16.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires :—The sensational defeat of the Australians at the hands of Essex has inspired a feeling of confidence that the English are well able to hold their own in the test matches.

The chief cause of the Colonials' downfall was the bowling of Mead and Young, who disposed of all the Australians in the second innings for 73.

Young, who is an ex-Blue Jacket, took seven wickets for 32.

The crumbly pitch on Saturday partially excuses the collapse of the visitors.

GIGANTIC AMERICAN SYNDICATE.

THE CARNEGIE STEELWORKS.

The Carnegie Steelworks, including the mines, railways, collieries, and furnaces, have been sold to a New York Syndicate for three hundred million dollars, two-thirds going to Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

OBITUARY.

Earl Wharncliffe is dead.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, MAY 15.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Peninsular from Bombay arrived here this morning.

LIVERPOOL, MAY 15.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macleod left here yesterday afternoon.

PLYMOUTH, MAY 13.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Matiana arrived here this morning.

COLOMBO, MAY 16.

German mail steamer Karlsruhe, from Australia arrival.

The Messageries Maritimes Co. s.s. Oceanien which left Bombay on Tuesday the 9th instant, at 6 p.m. arrived at Aden on Monday, the 15th inst. at 6 p.m.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 15.

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats [redacted]od Bhownuggur, 2 25-32.

[redacted]e Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols	110 3-8
3 per cent. Rentes	102 3-4.
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	115½.
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	67 1-8
Bar Silver	23 1-8

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—While I was thinking of suggesting through your widely-read columns, I was glad to find that Mr. Goverdhandas Gokuldas Tejpal has arranged to have special prayers offered in his picturesque temple of Shri Lakshmi Narayan, on the Gowalia Tank Road, on the occasion of the birthday of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress of India. Is it just in the fitness of things that the Hindus should not fall behind-hand in their demonstrations of loyalty on such an auspicious day. I am, however, of opinion that in order to enable all sorts and shades of people to take part in this festive scene, this august ceremony should be held in a central place like the Shri Bhuleshwar Mahadev's Temple or the Mahadev Baugh, and I trust that the trustees of Shri Bhuleshwar Mahadev's Temple, or Messrs. Tribhowandas Madhavdas and Harkisondas Narotumdas, or some other loyal and leading citizens like the Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra, the Hon. Mr. Vijbhukandas Atmaram, and Sheths Laxmidas Khimji and Tribhovandas Mungaldas Nathubhoy, will come forward to make up the breach. When the Parsis are holding a similar ceremony in their several fire-temples, the Hindus ought to follow suit to have thanksgivings in all their principal temples like those of Shri Bhuleshwar, Babulnath, and Walkeswar, and ought to make a real holiday of it, and wish her Most Gracious Majesty, the Mother Queen and Empress, many many, returns of the joyful day.—Yours, etc.,

May 16. M. L. M.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AT KARACHI.

THE outbreak of foot and mouth disease is not only confined to the Municipal stables, but several stray cattle suffering from the disease are to be seen wandering about the place in search of fodder. It is believed that these ownerless animals have communicated the disease to the Municipal bullocks by infecting the water trough in the Runchore Lines where all kinds of animals quench their thirst. This water trough is still used by the Municipal bullocks, with the result that fresh cases occur among them every day. From the 29th ultimo to date there have been in all 50 cases of the disease in the Runchore Lines stables and one at the Sewage Farm. The sick animals have all been segregated, and are reported to be progressing satisfactorily. As regards the stray and ownerless cattle suffering from the disease some steps might well be taken by well-to-do Hindu merchants to collect these animals in one place, when we are sure they will be given free treatment by the officer in charge of the Richmond Crawford Veterinary Dispensary. If the water troughs are really infested by diseased stray cattle, it would seem advisable to take some steps to prevent a spread of the disease from this source. The Municipality might see to this, especially in the interest of their own cattle.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

MAY 16.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect, Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Telegrams for Nicaragua are subject to censure at San Juan Del Sur and accepted at Sender's risk.

Telegrams for Panaj Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to the same restrictions as Philippine Islands.

Private telegrams in secret language can be accepted for Philippine Islands but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.

Till further notice telegrams in Code cannot be accepted for Bolivia.

Cable Iloilo Bacolod interrupted.

Until further notice no paid telegrams will be booked for any railway office belonging to the Great Indian Peninsular system marked G. I. P. in Guide. Such messages can however be addressed to the nearest Government Telegraph Station and thence to be sent on by post to destination.

FOREIGN TELEGRAM REPORTS.

Latest dates of foreign messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 16th May 1899.

[Difference in Longitude allowed for.]

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minute.
Turkey	15	7	50 p.m.	8	48
Teheran	16	2	36 p.m.	0	24
Suez	16	2	50 p.m.	0	37

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of 16th May, 1899.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	..	44	—	1
" Karachi	...	11	—	1
" Madras	...	9	—	4

THE result of experience in the Spanish War almost settled the question that Maxims should be dispensed with in the Navy and now, in consequence of the fighting in Samoa, the discontinuance of both Colts and Maxims is under consideration, on the ground that both are unsatisfactory at critical times. Officers of the Light Infantry regiments have been trying for a long time to get some distinctive head-dress in place of the helmet which they in common with ordinary infantry regiments, are at present condemned to wear. But there does not seem to be any immediate prospect of their wishes being gratified. Various head-dresses having been suggested, including the present helmet with a plume, but they are no nearer a solution of the difficulty than they were three years ago.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD MINES.

AMERICAN COTTON.

THE SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, APRIL 28.

AMONGST the various methods adopted at the Witwatersrand gold mines with the object of reducing the cost of production is that of a more thorough system of sorting the ore, or, in other words, of separating the waste rock from the reef matter with which it has been broken. The waste matter is generally quartzite, and in some districts slate, the proportion being larger when the reef is small and when the "leaders" are separated by quartzite. Waste is, of necessity, mined all along the Rand, the maximum amount with the small and rich reefs. In some cases the proportion is said to amount to 80 per cent. of the rock broken, and the minimum is said to be 10 per cent. As the cost of reduction is 8s. per ton of material—according to Mr. Truscott's recent book on Witwatersrand mining,—and the gold obtained from the waste is a quite negligible quantity, each ton of waste which passes through the reduction processes may be said to cost 8s., for which there is no return. Hence the advantage of efficient sorting. The "South African Financial Record," of Johannesburg, commenting on the fifth annual meeting of the New Kleinfontein Company, which was held in Johannesburg just before the mail left, points out that the experience of this Company last year affords a striking illustration of the advantages of thorough sorting. According to the statements made by the chairman, Mr. W. Dalrymple, the aggregate gold output of the Company for 1898 exceeded that of the previous year by 20,796 ounces, though the actual extraction showed a difference of only 1s. 1d. per ton in favour of 1898. Taking into consideration the fact that a reduction of 3d. per ton was effected in working costs, the total improvement was 1s. 4d. per ton milled. This result was arrived at in spite of the fact that only 17 per cent. of Main Reef leader was crushed during 1898, against 63 per cent. in 1897. This leader is by far the richer and more regular body of ore, and yet, though less of it was milled by 46 per cent. during the past year, the results for the whole of 1898 were 1s. 1d. per ton more than those for 1897. This is entirely attributed to more adequate sorting. No less than 83 per cent. of Main Reef, the lower-grade body, was crushed in 1898, against 37 per cent. in 1897, and yet a gain of 1s. 1d. per ton milled was shown. These results do not appear to have been arrived at from any deliberate experiment; the Main Reef leader had been unduly drawn on during 1897, and the ore reserves of the Main Reef and Main Reef leader were therefore no longer in proportion, and it had become necessary to crush a larger amount of the poorer body to restore the balance. Now that the development of the leader is about on a par with that of the Main Reef, and the Company is in a position to put through the due proportion of each class of ore, it is anticipated that, with a continuance of the present style of sorting, an improvement of 1 dwt. per ton will be maintained. As the New Kleinfontein is a "low-grade proposition," and profits have been under 2 dwt. for the past year the importance of an improvement by 1 dwt. will be readily perceived. The total profit for 1898 was £57,806, and the anticipated improvement by 1 dwt. is estimated to raise this to over £86,000 for the current year. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared for last year, and should the calculations referred to above be justified a dividend of about 15 per cent. would seem to be prospective. The working costs for the past year amounted to £1. 1s. per ton, or £1. 2s. 6d. including interest. The chairman complained that the Company suffers peculiarly from the liquor traffic which is especially rampant on the Kleinfontein part of the Rand.

The Johannesburg authority quoted above condemns very emphatically as "unauthorised and unrepresentative" the so-called "petition from British subjects on the Rand, which was presented to Mr. Conyngham Greene, the British Agent at Pretoria, on March 27. The "Record" remarks that the public in this country cannot be too energetically warned against being misled into accepting the petition as expressing the real sentiment and desire of the British element of the Rand community as a body. It is "practically the former rejected petition brought to life again, with the same crude statements of the general highly complicated position, and even the same accusations against leading officials of subserviency and racial partiality served up cold again." The soberer judgment of the town and district has pronouncedly disapproved it. The Johannesburg paper throws doubt on the genuineness of the 21,000 signatures alleged to have been obtained, and while admitting that there is a wide and general feeling of discontent in the Rand community, at the same time urges that there is no properly constituted public body through which the community can declare itself. "There may be no immediate outlook for the institution of such a body," the "Record" adds, "but it is a thousand times better, safer, and healthier that we should suffer inconvenience meanwhile than that we should allow ourselves to be misrepresented by any self-organised body, whether of influence in their own lines or absolutely devoid of influence in any lines.

In their circular dated New York, April 19, Messrs. Hubbard Brothers and Co. report on the American cotton market as follows :—"A sharp liquidation of certain Wall-street holdings caused a decline to the lowest quotations since January, while a corresponding reaction has practically left the market unchanged, showing that as yet no new factors have appeared to bring about a decided change in values. In the South the accumulation of cotton at the ports and interior towns is accepted as indicating an indisposition on the part of spinners and exporters to increase their takings, even on the basis of present values, though, on the other hand, there is no pressure to sell. This stagnation is more marked in the medium grades, a demand appearing on this slight decline from the Continent for the higher grades, which also sustains Liverpool, where the best portion of the crop is now held. Our Northern spinners do not display any anxiety as to their ability to obtain such supplies as they may need upon even better terms than those now ruling, though their action excites comment, as the demand for their production is so active as to prevent the accumulation of any supplies of manufactured goods. If the present accumulation of cotton and the same relative movement of the crop were apparent during the autumn instead of during the spring doubtless the entire trade would expect a further decline and low prices, but now they hesitate in holding such opinions through the fear of such a sharp reduction in the yield next season as will bring about an active advancing market. When asked for the reasons for such an opinion, the universal answer received is that, as we have raised two very large crops in succession, it is more than probable that we shall raise a very much smaller crop next season. We do not know of anyone who expects a large crop next year. This view is held not only in America, but appears as the dominant note in our European correspondence, and at present prevents any decline, though not strong enough or upon such a basis as would justify a permanent advance. Our advices lead us to look for a reduction in acreage and also a reduction in the use of fertilisers, but the season has been so backward that it is not yet possible to form a definite idea which we can express in figures. There has not been the concerted movement to reduce acreage seen in other years, but each individual planter has acted on his own initiative and circumstances, which renders it more difficult than usual to reach a satisfactory conclusion. At present 10 per cent. reduction in acreage east of the Mississippi and 20 per cent. in the sale of fertilisers may be considered extreme figures However, until the trade becomes more positive in its convictions regarding this subject we may expect quiet markets."

Notwithstanding the arrangements in connection with the settlement, there was a considerable expansion of business in several of the markets, and the tendency was generally strong. There was nothing of a disturbing character in the political news, nor did the monetary outlook cause any uneasiness; so that while copper, Westralian, and Rhodesian shares continued to attract a large amount of attention, operations in some other directions were upon a substantial scale. The House Railway traffics were generally satisfactory, the North Eastern leading with an increase of £24,283, and the Great Western being close up with a gain of £21,920. The North-Western had one of £10,026, the Midland £9,373, the North British £4,849, the Great Central £4,841, the South-Western £3,577, the Caledonian £3,382, the Great Northern £2,577, the Metropolitan, £358, and the Metropolitan District £121; while the Hull and Barnsley had a decrease of £938. There was not much business doing, but in the Heavies North-Westerns and Midland Deferred advanced 1-4, to 202-3-4 and 91 respectively. Great Easterns improved 1-8, to 127. In the Southern Passenger issues Brighton "A" improved 1-4, to 182½ but Dover "A" receded to a like extent, finishing a 113. The recovery in Wall Street was responded to on this side, American Rails being strongly supported by arbitrage dealings, the roads serving the silver-producing districts attracting most attention. British Corporation stocks and Colonial Government securities were steady. The Industrial department remained in a comparatively idle condition, and there was hardly a single stock in which dealings were on anything but a very small scale. A good many small shrinkages were recorded, which was quite as much due to neglect as to any particular news affecting the properties on offer. In the London market for cycle shares the tendency was dull. The Birmingham market has been in a languid state.

Some interesting particulars respecting a recent dispute as to the rates of exchange at which the Brazilian Government pays its local creditors are given in an article in the "Rio News" of April 4. It is stated that several creditors of the State whose accounts were long overdue were compelled on March 30 and 31 to accept arbitrary rates of exchange in the settlement of their claims. The accounts in question were for the year 1898. "The custom at the Brazilian Treasury," we are told, "is to count the first three months of the succeeding year as part of the fiscal year for the settlement of accounts," and on the termination of this period of apparently three months' grace all unpaid claims are passed to what is called an "expired year's" account, which seems to be of the nature of a "suspense account." In this account such claims rest until the Brazilian Congress can be induced to pass a special appropriation for their settlement, a proceeding which invariably involves long delay, which the creditors are naturally anxious to avoid. According to the Rio de Janeiro paper, the particular creditors now in question were offered the option of payment at rates of exchange, varying from 7d. to 7 25-32d. per milreis, or of having their claims passed into the "expired year's" account. At the dates in question the rate of exchange was about 6 13-16d. The aggregate amount of the claims was, in sterling, £100,000, and some of them were for freight charges for services rendered by vessels arriving on account of the Government and they were also largely for supplies furnished to the Central Railway. The meaning of the transaction is that, by calculating at the higher rate of exchange, payment would be made in a smaller amount of Government milreis notes. But the creditor who had to buy gold bills in order to remit in sterling would, of course, have to buy at the lower exchange rate of the day, and would therefore be compelled to give more paper milreis for the equivalent of the full sterling amount than he had actually received from the Government. On what theory the Government officials attempt to justify such arbitrary action we are unable to say, as the Rio de Janeiro paper offers no information on this point; it is said, however, that the difference between the rates of exchange adopted and the rate of the day represented roughly a sum of £8,000 in sterling out of the total of £100,000. The Brazillian exchange has since risen, it is true; but the Brazilian Government can scarcely expect its creditors to delay remittance indefinitely in the hope that exchange will rise to the rate adopted by the Government for payments, as the creditor may not unreasonably argue that there is an equal possibility of exchange falling even lower than the quotation on the day of payment.

In their monthly circular on the resin trade Messrs. F. and S. Chiesman and Co., of London and Liverpool, say that since their last report a new season has opened for naval stores, with exceptional and very important features. With regard to pale resins, it is now definitely known that not only is there no surplus from last year's crop, but that shippers have had to ask for extensions in times of shipment in order to fulfil last year's contracts. These delayed shipments must be made from early receipts of the new crop. The weather in the producing districts in America has been too cold for any early production, and a late crop generally means a short crop. Consumers in Europe "must expect in the coming season a much higher plane of values." Last year pale resins were sold, owing partly to anticipated over-production, which turned out a fallacy, and partly, to extreme competition between the shippers, at prices far below the cost of production. After exceptional prices there is generally a strong reaction. Trade in America was in a very depressed condition, but a remarkable change has taken place and it is now brisk, and values of all commodities have increased. This improvement in trade extends to the American soapmakers, who are short of stocks of resin and will consume large quantities of the coming crop leaving less on shippers' hands for export. The London market has remained steady with little business in new crop up to the present. In Liverpool stocks of low grades have continued to accumulate and are now said to be enormous, and recent arrivals by steamers are not up to the standard. Pales have continued firm, but there is a marked absence of large orders."

In a paper recently read before the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute Mr. Walter Dixon contrasted with much minuteness of detail the condition and methods of the iron, steel, and mining industries in the United States and in this country. Mr. Dixon paid a visit of investigation to America in the spring of last year, and he has had considerable experience of Continental practice, which is occasionally referred to in his statement. His remarks are grouped under the three heads of "management," "labour," and "resources." With reference to the first of these he adduces as an advantage in favour of American enterprise the great extent to which the control of even enormous works is entrusted to young men. In electrical business this fact is not surprising, since older men have not usually the specific scientific training required for this new development. But it prevails in other industries too. In one very large undertaking, with many branches, the principal stated that all its managers are under 35 years of age. Quickness of perception, buoyancy, readiness to change, and energy are the characteristics which seem to command success. Experiments are consequently much more freely made than in this country, and although a large proportion of them are failures, the net result is a quicker rate of progress than under more experienced and cautious management. Again, much fewer workmen are employed than in this country in proportion to the amount of work done, and usually an Englishman visiting a manufacturing establishment in America is astonished to find so few men about and such a large amount of machinery working automatically. And the men perform their duty with a will, as if they were interested in producing abundantly. They are highly paid, but their labour is really cheap. As for resources, everyone knows the enormous supplies of iron ore and fuel in the States, and that our own, though yet abundant, are no longer to be relied upon as factors of the importance they once were. Mr. Dixon thinks that it is to greater efficiency of labour that we must look as the main ground of hope for the future.

Unfavourable reports respecting the German worsted yarn spinning industry have been received from Dusseldorf. A rapid upward movement in the prices of the raw material on the one hand and a very sluggish demand for yarns on the other have made sales, except at a loss, all but impossible. Within the last week or two these adverse conditions have been intensified, and a wholesale curtailment of production will be necessary, it is said, unless improved conditions speedily present themselves.

Recent advices from Roubaix report a very active demand for combing wools in all the North of France markets. Higher prices are readily paid, and the advance since the end of December is not less than 20 per cent. Better prices have been obtained for worsted yarns also, and the position of the spinning industry is said to be very satisfactory, stocks, especially of the coarser counts, being small. A decided increase of activity in the piece goods market has also been developed, but prices have not improved to an extent equivalent to the higher cost of the raw material. The cotton industry in the North of France continues very unsatisfactory, the offtake, alike of yarns and piece goods, being unimportant and prices weak.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	3	10
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	15	5	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	14	0	16
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalaxmi	0	0	11
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	6	0	33
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	4	15
G Mahim and Worlee	0	5	12
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	10	21
Total	37	27	133
Total plague deaths to date	46,133	40,152	
Same date last year	25	17	88

BANDORA.

There was no attack and no death from plague reported within the limits of the Bandora Municipality on Tuesday.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE MORTALITY.

THE cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government during the week ending 12th May were as follows :—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	393	335
Karachi	254	181
Poona	80	59
Districts.		
Khandesh	1	0
Kaira	30	24
Broach	23	12
Surat	26	22
Thana	70	63
Nasik	31	20
Poona	4	4
Satara	77	62
Sholapur	11	7
Ahmednagar	1	1
Belgaum	40	30
Kolaba	36	32
Dharwar	25	18
Ratnagiri	10	11
Vijapor	5	4
Karachi	2	3
Hyderabad	15	12
Political Agencies.		
Baroda	23	16
Kathiawar	1	0
Kolhapur	42	30
Cutch	163	125
Janjira	3	1
Total	1,281	977
Week ending May 5th	1,432	1,161
Total to date	256,399	203,034

The following districts and States have been entirely free during the week :—Ahmedabad, Panch Mahals, Kanara, Shikarpur, Upper Sind Frontier, Thar and Parker, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha, Palanpur, Savantvadi, Dharampur, Sachin, Akalkot, Aundh, Bhor, and Savanur.

NOTES FROM AHMEDABAD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, MAY 15.

LAST week, Mr. M. C. Gibb, the Collector, was entertained at an evening party at Gogo, by Mr. Permandas Jivandas, a Special Magistrate of that place, when a large number of guests were present. On Monday, the 22nd inst., a grand evening party is to be given to Mr. Gibb, at the Kankaria Tank, by the inhabitants of Ahmedabad, on the occasion of his departure to England on furlough for 14 months. Mr. Gibb has made himself very popular by his kindly and amiable disposition. He was doing his work in a quiet and unostentatious way, and as District Magistrate he had done justice equally and impartially to all classes of her Majesty's subjects, even without the appearance of an advocate on either side. Mr. Gibb will be very much missed by those who had come in contact with him.

The examinations in connection with the Bombay School of Art took place in the Ahmedabad High School, under the supervision of its Head-master, Mr. Eduljee Dorabji Talati, B.A. Ten candidates appeared in three different branches of drawing. The students were examined in geometry, model drawing, and free hand drawing. From Ahmedabad eight candidates in geometry and ten in model drawing appeared for these examinations. And out of eight presented in free hand drawing, five were successful. Out of these ten candidates, three were females. Two female candidates, Miss Motaarsi Eduji Talati and Miss Almai Ratanji Jamsetji Lalkaka, passed in all the three examinations, and Miss Jerbanu Sorabji Lalkaka passed in the first two subjects.

A queer petition was presented to the City Magistrate, the other day, by one Shava Gaga, a Dhed, in which it was stated that one Bhana, a member of his own caste, invited him to his place, to appear before the panch who had gathered there. Accepting the invitation, he went there, when Bhana, the accused, gave him a large quantity of liquor to drink. After taking it he became unconscious. While lying in an insensible state, one side of his moustaches was shaved off and his face painted white with chunam by the accused. Under these circumstances he prayed that the accused may be dealt with according to law.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF VASCO DE GAMA.

THE following appeared recently in the "Government Gazette of Goa" :—As it is necessary to promote the development of the city, "Vasco de Gama," at Marmugao, and stimulate the establishment of commercial houses, conforming with the vote of the Government in Council, I have deemed it convenient to determine the following :—

1. All buildings and structures that will be erected at "Vasco de Gama" within two years from the date of this notification will be exempted from house-tax and ground rent for a period of 5 years, the proprietor informing the local administrative authority of the completion of his building.

2. All agencies or commercial houses already established or about to be established in the same city until 31st December 1900, reckoning this time from the date of its installation respectively, will also be exempted from the aforesaid contributions and any municipal or parochial imposts.

3. The conditions set forth in the provincial notification No. 489 of 10th July, 1893, which relate to new constructions at Pangim, Margao, and Mapuça, are applicable to the erection of new buildings referred to in para 1.

4. The Governor-General is authorised to make especial contracts with any company or commercial house or agency which will be submitted for the approval of the Government-in-Council with regard to concessions of lands belonging to the State for building purposes, no company to have a concession of an area more than 2 hectares.

5. All the vessels from any port whatsoever which may enter the ports of the State, inclusive that of Mormugao, will be exempted from the sanitary imposts and emoluments save that of the cost of the articles employed in the disinfection of cargo and passengers and the emoluments due on the visas on the bills of health of such vessels that may apply for them. —Government Palace at Nova Goa, 21st April, 1899.

(Sd.) JOAQUIM MACHADO, Governor-General.

THE Bengal forest administration report for 1897-98, remarks a contemporary, is mainly a record of the ordinary routine of forest work; but Sir John Woodburn finds it necessary to complain somewhat sharply of the backward state of the working plans in some parts of the Lower Provinces. Referring to the forests in the Teesta Valley and Jalpaiguri district he remarks that "he has been much impressed with the looseness of the information in the departmental records as to the character and contents even of forests which have been brought within the influence of railways." Without such information as may be found in even a rudely executed plan, the Lieutenant-Governor goes on to add, "it is difficult for the Department to judge what can in an individual forest be done, and what it is wise to leave undone," and similarly the Government has no means of judging whether the Department has done rightly. As there are still considerably over 3,000 square miles of forest reserve for which no plans exist, Sir John Woodburn's hint that more energy might be displayed in the matter would seem to be called for. We notice that in the list of forest offences for the year is the case of a man convicted of maliciously firing the forest on two occasions, the result being that about 2,000 acres of reserve were overrun by fire. The punishment—one month's imprisonment—can hardly be said to fit the crime, even by the most lenient interpreter of the necessities of forest administration.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

DURING the past twenty-four hours no change whatever has taken place in the situation, the railway traffic remaining in the same condition as on the previous day. The authorities consider that their position is getting stronger day by day, and their assertion receives force by the fact that applications for the remaining vacancies are pouring in daily. On Monday the Jubbulpore passenger train, which was due at 10 p.m., arrived at the Victoria Terminus station 2 hours 30 minutes too late, and the Jubbulpore mail was 2 hours 25 minutes behind time. Yesterday the Raichore mail was 35 minutes, and the Poona passenger 40 minutes too late.

JUBBULPORE.

JUBBULPORE, MAY 16.

The Bombay mail arrived yesterday five minutes earlier than the advertised time. The goods traffic was slack, but will soon be overcome.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

The following additional correspondence has been forwarded for publication :—

Bombay, 15th May, 1899.

Messrs. Dikshit and Dhunjisha.

SIRS,—In thanking you for your letter No. 1446 of 12th instant, I must say that the decision which I have communicated to you is unalterable, and I believe that after perusing what I am about to write you will see that it could not well be otherwise.

When your clients threatened to refuse duty I was compelled to immediately take steps calculated to minimize the evils of such action. One step was to obtain the loan of, and to engage the services of, as many new men as possible.

I have consequently taken permanently into the Company's service a considerable number of men drawn from all parts of India, and it is this fact which creates a situation not, mind you, of my making, but entirely due to the action of you, and your clients, which renders it impossible for me to consent to a conference, or arbitration, or to treat with your clients as a body.

What, may I ask, would the public think of me if I were to turn to the newly-engaged men and tell them that as all the old hands were willing to resume duty I must dismiss and request them to return to their homes!

My determination not to be unfair to the newly-engaged men has a natural sequence that according to the number of them, so an equal number of old hands are debarred from re-entering the service of this Company, and as I am engaging new men hourly it follows that the chances of your clients must decrease. Now, inasmuch as I cannot re-engage all your clients or anything approaching all of them, I cannot deal with them as a body, and arbitration or conference is out of the question. Remember, please, I did not establish the situation.

I note with regret the statement that your clients refused to give me—a man new in office—time to consider their case, because they believed I should take an ungenerous advantage of them, and utilize the time in preparing to resist them.

I can assure you, sirs, that if when we met you had asked me for an undertaking not to make any movements against your clients until you had conferred with and advised them, such undertaking would have been made and honestly adhered to.—Yours faithfully,

H. WENDEN,
Acting Agent.

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL.

The following notice of dismissal is being served upon all the signallers who came out on strike :—

I hereby give you notice that as you have refused to obey lawful orders given to you, and as you have absented yourself from your duty without permission, and have accordingly committed a breach of the General Rules numbered, respectively, 238 and 283, and as you have been guilty of misconduct, are for such breach of rules and misconduct dismissed from the service of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and are also liable to punishment.

I further hereby under Section 133 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, give you notice to deliver up to ——, or to the person who serves this notice on you, being the person appointed by me in this behalf, the dwelling house, office, or building, with its appurtenances, and all books, paper, moneys, and other property whatsoever belonging to the said Railway Company, which may be in your possession or custody, and I hereby require you to vacate and leave any premises of the Company which you may now occupy.

H. WENDEN,
Acting Agent, G. I. P. Railway.

Dated Bombay, 13th May, 1899.

THE MEN'S ACCOUNTS.

Bombay, 16th May, 1899.

Messrs. Dikshit and Dhunjisha, Dear Sirs,—I trust you will regard my letter No. 649? of yesterday as fully disposing of the first part of your letter No. 1465 of the same date.

As to settling up with your clients, I must ask you to realize that the situation which their ill-advised conduct has created, renders it very difficult for me to arrange settlement of wages, accounts, &c., in the ordinary routine of business, firstly because our travelling staff of pay clerks are now fully engaged on special work arising out of the difficulties caused by your clients, and secondly, because I do not know the whereabouts of many of the men who have left the stations at which they were posted.

However, if you will let me have a list of all your clients who desire to be paid off, showing where on the line of Railway they can be found on 1st June, I will do my utmost to make special arrangements for settling with them.

Allow me to request you to communicate the substance of the accompanying notice dated 13th instant to those of your clients who have left their posts.—Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) H. WENDEN,
Acting Agent.

From Messrs. Dikshit and Dhunjisha to the Acting Agent, G. I. P. Railway.

Bombay, 15th May, 1899.

Since writing to you our letter No. 1445, dated the 12th instant, we have again ascertained the views of our clients and we are instructed to say that they are not willing to be dealt with individually.

Our clients think that their grievances are real and that none of their prayers is unreasonable. Their conduct towards the Company, they maintain, has been very considerate and such as befits honest and faithful but unjustly treated servants. To show that they are not unreasonable they have offered to refer the whole matter to arbitration, and as soon as such arbitration commences to rejoin service in a body without waiting for the award. As an alternative they have offered to meet you and discuss with you the reasonableness or otherwise of their prayers and have given you an assurance that they will not insist on anything that may be shown to be unreasonable. In short, they have tried their best to meet their employers with a view to bring about an amicable arrangement, but with no practical result so far. We have therefore to request you to give the matter your best and immediate attention and communicate to us your final decision at your earliest convenience. We ourselves think that as the men believe that they have real grievances and you believe that they have none, an arbitration would be the best means of settling the matter.

If, however, you have decided not to deal with our clients collectively you will kindly inform us accordingly at once and issue immediate instructions for a settlement of their accounts. It is now more than a week that our clients resigned, and if the Company is not going to take them back, it is only fair that their accounts should be made up and they should be paid without any further delay.

We learn that the process of forcing the men to vacate the quarters without taking from them charge of the railway property and c

PROGRAMME OF POONA 1ST EXTRA MEETING.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 29TH JULY, 1899.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Horses. Weight—W. A. and C. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards; once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,000, 5lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs.; Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE DESERT STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third Rs. 25. For Arab and C B horses. Weight—W A and C. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897; once, 4lbs; twice, 7lbs; oftner, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs; Rs. 2,500, 8lbs; Rs. 3,500, 12lbs in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs; maidens 7lbs; Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 50, 5lbs (accumuative). Distance—1 mile.

THE NEW STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Arab horses landed since 1st August, 1898. Weight—W. A. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards; once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs; Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. Distance—1 mile.

THE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C.B. ponies 14 hands and under. Weight—14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs.; Rs. 2,500, 8lbs.; Rs. 3,500, 12lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens, 7lbs; Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. Distance—1 mile.

THE BEGINNERS' PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Arab ponies 13-3 and under landed since 1st August, 1898. Weight—13-3 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winner of the July Stakes (1st day), if a starter in this race, 7lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards 5lbs. Distance—3 furlongs.

THE LITTLE MAIDEN PLATE.—Winners, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Arab and C. B. ponies 13-2 and under. Weight—13-2 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897. of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards: once, 4 lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winner since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value Rs. 1,000, 5 lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5 lbs. Distance—5 furlongs.

THE DWARF PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Ponies 13-2 and under. Weight—13-2 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards, of aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs.; of Rs. 2,500, 8lbs.; of Rs. 3,500, 12lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Arabs and C. Bs. 2lbs. Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. (accumulative). Distance—½ mile.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST.

THE OMNIUM.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Horses. Weight—W. A. and C. Penalties—Winners: once, 4lbs: twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winner since the above date of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs.; of Rs. 2,500, 8lbs.; of Rs. 3,500, 12lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs. Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs; Maidens, 7lbs. (accumulative); Distance—5 furlongs.

THE BEDOUIN STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Arab and C. B. Horses. Distance—W. A. and C. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards; once, 4lbs., twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,000, 5lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs. Horses which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards. 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE MONSOON PLATE.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Ponies 13-3 and under. Weight—13-3 to carry 9st. 10lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards, of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs.; Rs. 2,500, 8lbs.; Rs. 3,500, 12lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Arab, 2lbs.; C.Bs. 2lbs.; Maidens, 7lbs. Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. (accumulative). Distance—5 furlongs.

THE JULY STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For maiden Arab and C. B. ponies 13-3 and under. Weight—13-3 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W.I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,000, 5lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50, 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Ponies 13-2 and under. Weight—13-2 to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, of a race value Rs. 50 and upwards; once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of aggregate value of Rs. 1,500, 4lbs.; of Rs. 2,500, 8lbs.; of Rs. 3,500 12lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Maidens, 7lbs. Ponies which have never won a race value Rs. 50 and upwards, 5lbs. (accumulative) Distance—½ mile.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST.

THE INTERNATIONAL.—Winner, Rs. 200; second. Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Horses. Weight—Handicap, Distance—6 furlongs.

THE ARAB HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C.B. Horses. Weight—Handicap. Distance—7 furlongs.

THE PONY HANDICAP.—Winner, Rs. 200; second. Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25 For A. and C. B. ponies 14 hands and under. Weight—Handicap, Distance—6 furlongs.

THE PADDOCK STAKES.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75, third, Rs. 25. For Ponies 13-3 and under. Weight—Handicap. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE LILLIPUTS.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third Rs. 25. For Arab C. B. Ponies 13-2 and under. Weight—Handicap. Distance—6 furlongs.

THE SCURRY—Winner Rs. 200; second, Rs. 75; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C.B. Ponies 13-3 and under, Weight—13-3 to carry, 9st. 7lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897; once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Winners since the above date of races value Rs. 50 and upwards of aggregate value Rs. 1,500, 4 lbs.; Rs. 2,500, 8 lbs.; Rs. 3,500, 12 lbs. in addition to above penalties. Allowances—Ponies which have not won a race value, Rs. 50 and upwards, 5 lbs.; Maidens, 7lbs. (accumulative). Distance—3 furlongs.

ENTRIES.

For 1st Day, Saturday, 29th July, 1899, 1st entries, Tuesday, 11th July, Rs. 10. 2nd entries, (When race will close), Tuesday, 18th July, Rs. 20. And Rs. 5 more for horses not struck out before 12 noon Tuesday, 25th July, 1899.

For 2nd Day, Thursday, 3rd August 1899. 1st Entries, Tuesday, 11th July, Rs. 10. 2nd entries, (When race will close), Tuesday, 18th July, Rs. 20. And Rs. 5 more for horses not struck out before 12 noon. Tuesday, 1st August, 1899.

For 3rd Day, Saturday, 5th August, 1899.—1st Entries, Tuesday, 11th July, Rs. 10, 2nd Entries (When race will close), Tuesday, 18th July Rs. 20. And Rs. 5 more for horses not struck out before 12 noon, Friday, 4th August, 1899.

Handicaps will be published at the Grand Stand at 8 a.m. the day before the race.

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GOLF AND GOLFERS.

LIVERPOOL, APRIL 28.

A GREAT and interesting week may safely be said of the past six days in connection with Lancashire golf. Indeed, apart from the championship, it has been the most interesting period in the history of the game in the district. The weather was, unfortunately, not absolutely perfect, but, all the same, it was a great improvement on that experienced when the men of Westward Ho were our visitors. The Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society had the satisfaction of winning two of the three matches played, and although they were not successful in the most interesting event of the tour—against the Royal, Liverpool at Hoylake —it was, however, a defeat with honour. I feel assured that the 'Varsities will not grudge the Liverpool champions the little crumb of comfort which is to be derived from that encounter. That they may come North again, and that soon, is, I am sure, the wish of all Lancashire golfers.

The first match—at St. Annes—was peculiarly interesting, inasmuch as it enabled one to gain an idea of the actual strength of the team. I came across one or two of the members of the home club who were sufficiently optimistic to believe that their representatives had an outside chance of success. Of this idea they were quickly disabused when the first half-dozen couples or so had come in, and the St. Annes Club were hopelessly in the rear. Indeed, had not Mr. Magliston come to the rescue with a ten hole victory, the adverse balance against the Lancashire club would have assumed rather alarming proportions. In the foursomes in the afternoon the home team, with one exception did very well indeed, the most creditable performance being probably that of Messrs. Macbeth and Smith, who, after being down at the turn, finished four up at the conclusion of the round. On the whole, the home club may in a sense be congratulated on the result, for they were playing against a very strong combination.

The match at Hoylake was a near thing—a desperately near thing; and not until the last couple arrived on the home green was the result out of doubt. A lead of six holes on the first round was not much to come and go upon with twenty couples engaged. Still, it was a lead which might prove useful, though it was far from substantial enough to give the home team confidence as to the ultimate result. Certainly that usually reliable portion of the team called the "head" had not been so successful as in the past, and as it was generally recognised that the centre of the team would not prove quite equal to the task of holding their 'Varsity opponents, the prospects of the Hoylake team did not appear rosy. The "tail" of the team—that much-maligned "tail," which has had so much to answer for in the past—came to the rescue of the side. One player, Mr. Goold, was in the main responsible for the change in affairs, seeing that he added no fewer than thirteen holes to the total—an extraordinary result in one round of eighteen holes. As one of the Varsity representatives remarked. "That man Goold must be a butcher—an infernal slaughterer;" but, butcher or no butcher, his sanguinary measures were much appreciated by his side. As, with one notable exception, he was well backed up by his confreres of the rear division, Hoylake had the satisfaction of leading by a bare majority on the first round. In the second round the "head" of the home team improved upon the morning performance, and succeeded in adding twelve holes to the total. Then came a succession of disasters. But once again the "tail" players more than held their own. Certainly, with one couple still to come in, the balance in favour of the Liverpudlians was the narrow one of two holes; but report had it that the Hoylake representative was holding a commanding lead, and report fortunately proved to be true. Thus the home team eventually snatched a victory by the narrow margin of eight holes. It was a great fight, and one which leads us to the conclusion that had the Society proceeded in bringing down the team originally selected the positions might have been reversed.

After the matches at St. Annes and Hoylake the last encounter was more of a foregone conclusion than ever. Where St. Annes had failed and Hoylake had only just succeeded, Formby could not possibly have any chance of winning. They certainly were victorious against the Royal North Devon in the preceding week, but they were called upon to meet a much stronger combination, and they naturally failed. One or two of the Formby team failed unexpectedly, but on the other hand other members of the side held their own much better than had been anticipated. In the foursomes the leading pair of Formby players, Messrs. Hilton and Hutchings, received an unexpectedly severe dressing down at the hands of Messrs. Ellis and Pease. At one time during the round—at the eleventh hole—the latter pair stood no fewer than eight holes to the good. Their opponents could not do right, however hard they tried. Fortunately for them, things righted themselves somewhat towards the conclusion of the round, and finally they succeeded in reducing the adverse balance to five. Right through the round Mr. Ellis played the soundest of golf, whilst for the first ten holes his partner performed brilliantly. On the whole, the verdict of 60 holes in favour of the Society was pretty much what might have been expected from the form shown by the Varsities at Hoylake; and the Formby Club have no reason to feel dissatisfied with the result.

Probably the most interesting encounter during the week was that between the young Oxonian, Mr. H. C. Ellis, and Mr. J. Graham, jun., in the match at Hoylake. Coming North with honours thick upon him, Mr. Ellis gave a display of his ability in the match at St. Annes on the Monday, when the simply swamped Mr. Macbeth, the verdict in his favour being no fewer than ten holes, and although the young St. Annes player was admittedly not in his best form, his opponent, on the other hand played irreproachable golf, and would have completed the course in a very low figure indeed had he taken the trouble to hole out on several occasions, when he was not called upon to do so by the state of the game. Against Mr. Graham the morning round proved very close, and considering that the latter had the misfortune to start an old strain in his ankle when coming down from the high tee to the "Punchbowl"—a mishap which severely handicapped him in his long game—he may be considered fortunate in coming in only one down. The prospect in the afternoon did not look promising for him, but by the aid of judicious bandaging he was able to regain his wonted freedom, and rising to the occasion, he had the satisfaction of holding a balance of six holes in his favour, at the conclusion of the 36 holes. Singularly, the game was all even with six to play; all the remaining holes Mr. Graham pocketed. On the Friday, however, when playing against the Formby Club, Mr. Ellis took the opportunity of taking revenge for his defeat on the Wednesday, at the expense of Mr. Chas. Hutchings, whom he defeated by five holes; and on the tour he has more than upheld his reputation. Indeed, he may be said to have added to it, as nothing could have been finer than his form at St. Annes and Formby.

It becomes rather monotonous to sing Harry Vardon's praises week by week; but the extraordinary brilliancy of his performances certainly demand that one should do so. His record of the past twelve months has never been approached by any player either of the present age or of the past and judging by his performances this season it appears as if it is becoming superfluous to look beyond the Ganton professional for the winner of any form of competition he takes part in. His most recent success, in the competition held under the auspices of the Mid-Surrey Club, certainly equals if it does not excel any of his performances in the past, admittedly brilliant as many of these have been. The field on the Surrey green was, with the probable exception of Park and Auchterlonie, thoroughly representative of the best professional talent on both sides of the Border; but the strength of the opposition apparently only serves to bring forth from Vardon more wonderful results than ever. He certainly was pressed in one of his rounds—when playing against James Braid, the Romford professional, the verdict being only one hole in the champion's favour; but, on the other hand, he never appeared likely to be beaten, as he held the lead all the way round, and actually stood dormy three.

The amateur champion, Mr. Tait, appears to have fallen in an unfortunate groove. When playing at North Berwick on the occasion of the spring meeting of the Tantallon Club he was out of form, and was easily defeated by Mr. J. E. Laidlay and other players. On Saturday last, at the meeting of the New Luffness Club, he seems to have regained his wonted form, as he returned an excellent score of 78, but was unfortunate enough to find another competitor equal to the task of improving upon this return, Mr. A. W. Robertson, who seems to monopolise the scratch medals at Luffness and Gullane, handing in a return of 77, only one stroke over the record of 76 held by the champion himself. Mr. Robertson is a capital athlete, for in addition to being the most promising of the East Lothian school of golfers he is one of the powerful Edinburgh Academical fifteen, and is an ex-International three-quarter back. Had he made up his mind to take seriously to athletics he would have made a great name as a sprinter, for as a schoolboy he was very fast over

SPY SYSTEM ON THE CONTINENT.

AN ARMY OF INFORMERS EMPLOYED.

IN Great Britain and the United States (writes an ex-attache) no man figures in what is popularly known as the "Rogues' Gallery" unless he has been duly convicted of some felony or misdemeanour.

In Continental Europe, especially in France, Belgium, Italy, Germany or Russia, there is no person of any degree of social eminence and of political and professional or administrative prominence whose record is not on file at the police quarters either of the metropolis of his native land or else at those of the chief city of the province in which is residence is situated.

There is hardly any one who is regarded to be of too small importance to thus figure in this species of colossal "Rogues' Gallery." In fact, it only the labouring classes, and the quite small fry, who are fortunate enough to escape this disagreeable form of attention of the part of the police unless they happen to have been convicted of some offence, no matter how trifling, against the laws of the land.

THE TERRIBLE POLICE "DOSSIER."

These police records are known by the name of "dossiers"—a word for which there is no adequate equivalent in the English language, but which has become exceedingly familiar to every one in this country in connection with the Dreyfus case.

The word "dossier" in a general sense means a bundle of documents relating either to one particular subject or individual. But it is more especially used to describe the documentary evidence, good and bad, in connection with a person's record, and on the Continent of Europe a considerable portion of the detective police are employed exclusively in securing material for dossiers, the mention of which is sufficient to cause a cold shudder to pass down one's back.

For there are comparatively few in this world whose lives have been so entirely blameless that there is not some episode or other in their existence which they would prefer to keep secret, and the publication of which might subject them to criticism, ridicule, or disgrace. Even taking it for granted that there are people who are themselves entirely beyond reproach of any kind, they have usually some near relative or intimate friend who has been less circumspect, and to preserve whom from exposure they are ready to make concessions.

THE POSSESSION OF SUCH SECRETS

as those affecting the honour and the prestige of both men and women of position constitutes a source of power and of influence. The Continental Governments of Europe take the ground that it is to the interest of the community that they should enjoy this power, and accordingly they devote as stated above, much trouble and money to secure the secrets of prominent people—secrets that go to constitute a dossier.

The resources of the detective police are at the disposal of the Government for the purpose, and it will, therefore, surprise but few to learn that well nigh every public man and women of any social or political eminence is shadowed by police spies, who not only take note of everything that he or she may do or say but likewise put the worst interpretation upon matters that are entirely innocent of all harm, frequently inventing incidents and episodes which are entirely devoid of foundation.

For it must be borne in mind that the individuals employed for this species of detective work are as a general rule men and women utterly devoid of scruple, and the value of whose services is gauged and remunerated by the seeming importance of the information which they furnish concerning their victims.

SHADOWING THE DIPLOMATS.

Every one of any position has both his dossier, and, to a great extent his shadow, and in the diplomatic service it is notorious that the moment an envoy, secretary, or even an attache is appointed to any new post in one or another of the capitals of Continental Europe, he is shadowed, as any rate for a time, until his habits, his tastes, and, above all, his weaknesses are ascertained and placed on record in his dossier for eventual use.

Now and then the police spies assigned to this service fail to discover any information, and are either conscientious enough or devoid of initiative to invent charges against the object of their investigation.

THE LONDON DOCTOR.

A LIFE OF UNCEASING WORK AND HURRY.

IT is told of a celebrated physician, not long dead, that having one day met in Harley Street, not far from his own door, a nurse and two children with whose charming appearance he was much struck, he stopped and chatted with them. "May I ask whose children those are?" he said to the nurse on parting. "Your own, sir," the nurse said. This is but one of a series of interesting side-lights which a writer in "Temple Bar" for April throws on the life of the London doctor, in the course of an article. The patient with a moral twist who presents as his fee two bad shillings carefully wrapped up in tissue paper is, fortunately, very rare (he remarks); but he who chooses to regard two sovereigns as two guineas is met with every day. A lady of our acquaintance once consulted an eminent specialist, and left what she imagined to be two good guineas on his study table. On reaching home she found to her consternation that she was a pound to the good, but that a bright new farthing which she had had in her purse had disappeared. In great haste she drove back to the consultant's house and rectified her mistake with many apologies. "You are by no means the first of my patients who has made the mistake, madam," said the courtly old gentleman, "but you are the very first who has rectified it."

GRATITUDE A COMMON VIRTUE.

If ingratitude seems to him a common vice, the physician must also acknowledge that gratitude is a common virtue. Amongst his poorer patients perhaps this virtue shines even more brightly than it does at the West End; and of poor patients he is likely to have had thousands. One who held for seven years the office of casualty physician in a large London hospital tells us that during that time, four times a week, he saw considerably more than sixty patients in an hour. The largest number he ever saw in a morning was three hundred and ten, while his average number on a Saturday morning—the busiest one of the week—was two hundred and thirty-five and one-fifth. It seems incredible that, with such a very short time devoted to each of them, the cases should be properly diagnosed and prescribed for; but this physician, whose statements are quite beyond appeal, assured us that, while he was at work there, he would have been quite willing to allow any physician or physicians selected by any responsible body whatsoever, to stand beside him, pick out any case at random, and criticise the treatment, knowing that if they judged fairly they must confess that it was, upon the whole, good. The possibility of such rapidity meant, of course, that the arrangements in the hospital dispensary were as nearly perfect as possible, and that the pharmacopœia was very complete indeed.

THE MYSTERIOUS INTERIOR.

The doctor's coachman, perhaps, better than any other of the doctor's acquaintances, can give testimony regarding the treadmill life he leads. The interior of the doctor's brougham, could it only for once give voice, might give even more moving testimony. For it could tell of rapid and fragmentary luncheons bolted on cold winter days it might speak of an equally rapid consumption and digestion of medical books and medical journals; it might even reveal to an amazed public the secrets of the doctor's toilette. In our hearing, a London surgeon recently complained that he had had two dress suits stolen from his carriage within two months. We knew the reason why, for to us was already known the fact that when a doctor's brougham, with its blinds down, was met driving rapidly westward from one of the large railway stations at about 7-45 p.m., the great man inside it was, in all probability, engaged in the acrobatic feat of changing his morning for his evening dress. It is alleged that in a carriage accident, the public was once amazed to find the occupant of the doctor's brougham, which had been charged into by an omnibus, in his white shirt and trousers. He was an occupant of "The Knight Nursery," as a certain portion of a certain street dedicated to Æsculapius has been profanely called, and his clothing seemed insufficient, until he explained that he was on his way from Euston to Park Lane and was dressing for a dinner party.

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BACHELORS ON BACHELORHOOD.

SOME REASONS WHY THEY DO NOT MARRY.

A JOURNALIST, who has been making a study of bachelorhood in all its phases, lately took it into his head to beard the bachelor in his den, and demand the reason for his singleness. He had often been impressed, he says, by the faces of the unmarried men he met in the clubs. Upon these faces were depicted indifference, jollity, the devil-may-care look, resignation, weariness, pain; but in vain did he search, for he has not found contentment mirrored there. Then he bethought himself of the interview. He boldly called on several well-known men, each one high in his own calling, and here are some of the reasons they gave for remaining single:—

WHY ARTISTS DON'T MARRY READILY.

To my idea, says an artist of note, the reason why so many of us do not marry, or, to be more correct, do not marry younger, is that an artist considers it quite a step to join his fortunes (or misfortunes) to a helpmate. There are many things to be considered.

First of all, a competency to gather enough of the wherewith to supply a household with the proper munitions of war, for let me say right here that the old-fashioned idea of a Bohemian establishment is an exploded theory, and the modern artist is also modern in the fact that he must live the life of a modern gentleman with all the latest requirements.

Then, in the second place, not every woman is by nature fitted to be the wife of that necessarily nervous creature called an artist. She may be pretty and well taught in all that modern lore of clothes and small society talk, but the necessary understanding of what the lord and master is trying to accomplish and the proper appreciation of what is in process of creation often makes her more of a stumbling block than a help to success.

This appreciation of the very thought in the thinking is just the quality that helps the embryo great man to his greatness, and the lack of it crushes his artistic life and makes the plant to wither and wilt into nothingness.

Now, therefore, you will say that in entering the part of helpmate to an artist the "better half" is undertaking a great mission in life, and few—yes very few—know how much they are undertaking. It is for the man who knows what is required to say the word, and his knowledge of the greatness of the undertaking in many cases keeps him from taking the step.

Now do you see why we do not marry as easily as other men?

AN ACTOR WHO WOULD, YET WOULD NOT.

What is worth while in bachelorhood? Lots of things, a tragedian replies.

What is wanting? The main thing.

'Tis an old cant phrase that a bachelor has his freedom; and so he has. He has heaps of it—so much, in fact, that it becomes irksome, and nearly every bachelor has, at some time of his existence, tied his freedom up in a neat little package about the size of a ring box and put it in the hands of some woman, who either threw it back upon his weary shoulders or destroyed it for ever.

It is convenient to be returned in a cab by some conscientious friend at the door of one's bachelor apartment at 3 a.m., and "no questions asked." One may put one's shoes on the hat rack, carefully deposit one's cigarette case under the bed and sleep in the bath tub; and one's own weary head will offer the only reproach in the morning.

But then the bachelor's is a very lonely life. I imagine it to be rather a jolly thing to come home and find the little slippers by the big ones on the fender. To find a heart big with sympathy, and, above all, to find the buttons on everything. And yet, could one see the boys go off for a good old time without a murmur of—

"I cannot but remember such things were,
And were most dear to me."

A DOCTOR "WON'T TELL."

A doctor, whether he is the happy possessor of a wife or not, is essentially a married man. The very choice of his profession implies the fatherly supervision of family. The little ailments of the children, the throat troubles of the young lady who "sings a little," the real and imaginary ills of the maiden aunt and grandmother are all in line with the anxieties of the father of a family.

To be sure, in the few hours given to the physician for recreation he is apt to be joyful over the fact that there are no ties to bind at those particular moments. The bachelor can throw back his head and walk faster as he takes his exercise, and he is more apt to have exhilarating objective points. But on this topic, as on all others the physician, through force of habit, is reticent. The doctor, like the lawyer, is constantly under a solemn pledge "not to tell," and so it becomes second nature to avoid direct answers.

BACHELORHOOD A MERE HABIT.

A man who is a novelist, poet, and editor all in one says:—Bachelorhood is a groove, a rut in the road of life. We stay in it because we are in it, some of us culpably negligent for not getting out, and others are kept in by the force of circumstances.

Bachelorhood is a habit, like smoking sixteen hours out of the twenty-four we soothe our senses with nicotine until we imagine it a necessity. Soothe our senses with a magnetic personality, and we cease to be bachelors.

A POET ON THE JOYS OF BACHELORHOOD.

Ah! yes (replied a poet), it will be only too easy to point out how it is that our bachelorhood calls out all that is best and noble in man. The same mysterious power that puts the fuller crimson on the robin's breast and livelier iris on the dove causes the yet unmated animal of the genus home to show himself in his most seductive guise, and to undertake those things in art and war, in gold-making and name-making which shall some day belong to the one and only golden girl the not impossible. She, the Woman Who will Know and Will some Day understand.

Yes, brother bachelor, tell her all these things if you have to, but by the three-fold mystic sign of the open door and the unfettered foot, tell her nothing of that ineffable and intangible joy of careless bachelorhood which is my secret and yours. Even though you did tell her, she would not believe you. She would certainly not understand, and it is two to one that she would march away saying that bachelordom is an affliction that should come along with the whooping-cough and the measles, and is as pathetic in an old man of fifty as mumps in an octogenarian.

THE AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE.

IN connection with the orders given by British firms for American locomotives the following extract from an article in the *Shipping World* is of interest:—Following the settlement of the conflict in the engineering trade we emphasised the loss which must be sustained by British industries because our foreign customers were obliged, through our "deadlock," to draw their supplies from other manufactures and other countries. At that time we gave instances of orders from our old customers in India and Japan going to our rivals in Europe and America. Then came the startling but true announcements, first, that we were importing sanitary pipes; second, that ship plates rolled in America were being used in British yards in the construction of hulls; third, that American coal was being carried, if not to Newcastle or Cardiff certainly to British ports and, finally, that American locomotives were being imported for the use of British railways. And this we looked upon as by far the most significant and serious item in the competition.

STANDARD PATTERNS.

From the time of George and Robert Stevenson until a few years ago, at all events, our locomotives were considered to be the best in the world. We are far from admitting that that contention cannot now be held and substantiated, but our object is rather to add one more instance of competition, and recapitulate the reasons assigned for the importation of American locomotives. The last order given to our American cousins was that of the directors of the Barry Railway Company. The standing of the Barry directorate for intelligence, foresight, and sagacity is a high one, and they have accepted the tenders of American locomotive builders because, first, the locomotives cost less than those made by British engineers, and second, because they can get delivery much sooner from America than from home. These are among the points which we discussed in a recent issue. We then pointed out that as with American watches, so also with American locomotives, the several parts were produced with specialised machine tools and stocked, so that when an order came for a dozen locomotives, all that the builders would have to do was to fit or erect the engine, and paint and varnish them.

PLEA FOR UNIFORMITY.

That system is possible in America because American locomotives are made in certain well-established types, and are, as we have already stated, kept in stock in large numbers both ready for use, and in their several parts, and only requiring to be erected. But in this country that system is impossible. The locomotive superintendent of our railways has notions of his own as to the type and style of locomotive which shall be

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, May 13.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE services of Mr W M Hailey of the Indian Civil Service are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of the Punjab with effect from the 6th inst.

Lieut Col F F Perry F R C S, I M S Bengal Professor of Surgery in the Lahore Medical College is granted furlough out of India for six months under Article 340 b of the Civil Service Regulations.

Major W R Clark M B, C M, I M S Bengal is appointed to officiate as Professor of Surgery in the Lahore Medical College during the absence on furlough of Lieut Col F F Perry F R C S, I M S, Bengal or until further orders.

The services of Capt R W A Dunne 19th Madras Infy are replaced at the disposal of the Military Dept with effect from the date on which he made over charge of his duties under the Govt of Madras.

The services of Capt W A Cuppage 5th Bengal Infy are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay for employment on plague duty with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of his duties under that Govt.

The services of the undermentioned officers are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay for employment on plague duty:—Capt H E Pritchard 22nd Madras Infantry; Capt H J E Purvis 3rd Bo L Cavalry; and Capt A P D O Stuart 25th Bo Infy.

Capt J W Wolfe M B, B Ch I M S Bengal was employed under the Govt of the Punjab on plague duty from the 21st March to the 4th May 1899 and his services were replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Burma with effect from the 5th May 1899.

Col G Hutcheson M D I M S Bengal is appointed to be Inspr Genl of Civil Hospitals N W Provinces and Oudh with effect from the 2nd April 1899.

Col C W Carr-Calthrop M D I M S Bengal is appointed to be Administrative Medical Officer and Sanitary Commissioner of the Central Provinces with effect from the 2nd April 1899 but will continue to officiate as Principal Medical Officer and Sanitary Commissioner Assam until further orders.

Lieut Col S J Thomson C I E, I M S Bengal, Sanitary Commissioner N W Provinces and Oudh is granted furlough out of India for eighteen months on medical certificate under Article 340 a of the Civil Service Regulations with effect from the 15th April 1899.

Major W G Thorold I M S Bengal, Depy Sanity Commissioner N W Provinces and Oudh is appointed to officiate as Sanitary Commissioner N W Provinces and Oudh during the absence on furlough of Lieut Col S J Thomson C I E, I M S Bengal, or until further orders.

The services of Capt W Selby D S O, I M S Bengal, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of the N W Provinces and Oudh with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of his duties under that Govt.

Surgn Genl R Harvey C B, D S O, M D, F R C P, Indian Medical Service Bengal, Director Genl Indian Medical Service and Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt of India is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the date on which he avails himself of the leave.

Surgn Genl L D Spencer C B M D Indian Medical Service Bengal Principal Medical Officer Punjab Command is appointed to officiate as Director-Genl I M S and Sanitary Commr with the Govt of India during the absence on privilege leave of Surgn Genl R Harvey C B D S O M D F R C P Indian Medical Service Bengal, or until further orders.

The services of Capt temporary Major A W Leonard 5th Infy Hyderabad Contingent are placed at the disp sal of the Chief Commissioner of Assam for employment as offig Comdt of the Naga Hills Military Police Battalion.

The services of Capt E F Rainey 19th Madras Infy are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Burma for employment in the Burma Military Police.

The Rev D A Canney has been appointed to be a Chaplain on probation on the Bengal Lucknow Ecclesiastical Establt to fill an existing vacancy.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

The services of Mr W M Hailey of the Indian Civil Service, Offg under Secy to Govt of India in the Dept of Revenue and Agriculture, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Dept with effect from the forenoon of the 6th May 1899.

The services of Lieut E N Mants Regt of Stay Infy are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commr Ajmere-Merwara for Famine duty.

GEOLOGY AND MINERALS.

Mr T H Holland Depy Supt Geological Survey of India is appointed Curtor of the Geological Museum, with effect from the 1st May 1899, in place of Mr C S Middlemiss.

METEOROLOGY.

In consequence of the transfer of the Madras Kodaikanal and Colaba scientific observatories from provincial to imperial control the following appointments are made and to take effect from the 1st April 1899—Mr J Eliot F R S, C I E Meteorological Reporter to the Govt of India to be Meteorological Reporter to the Govt of India and Director Genl of Indian Observatories; Mr C Michie-Smith Govt Astronomer Madras to be Director of the Kodaikanal and Madras Observatories; and Mr N A Mocs to be sub pro tem Director of the Colaba Observatory Bombay.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr A Williams of the Indian Civil Service a Political Agent of the 2nd class is placed on special duty under the Govt of India in the Foreign Dept with effect from the 5th April 1899.

With the sanction of H M's Govt the Govr Genl in Council is pleased to recognise the provisional appointment of Mr W T Fee as Consul for the United States of America at Bombay.

Lieut-Col J C Fullerton M B Indian Medical Service Bengal an Agency Surgn of the 1st class and Agency Surgn and Administrative Medical Officer in Baluchistan is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 18th May 1899 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of the leave.

Major W R Edwards M D I M S Bengal an Agency Surgn of the 1st class and Civil Surgn of Quetta is appointed to officiate as Agency Surgn and Administrative Medical Officer in Baluchistan in addition to his own duties with effect from the date of assuming charge and during the absence on privilege leave of Lieut Col Fullerton or until further orders.

Lieut Col T C Pears I S C a Political agent of the 2nd class is appointed on return from furlough to officiate as a Resident of the 2nd class and Resident at Gwalior with effect from the date of assuming charge vice

MILITARY AND NAVAL NOTES.

A GREAT amount of interest has been excited by the replies given by the First Lord of the Admiralty to several members of the House of Commons who had questioned him on the subject of water-tube boilers, viewed in the light of what has recently transpired in the Terrible. The most important question was that put by Mr. Gourlay who desired to know if it was the intention of the Admiralty to equip the Queen's new yacht—the Victoria and Albert—with Belleville boilers. Mr. Goschen's reply was in the affirmative. We do not see how it could have been otherwise, considering that the boilers are nearly all finished and ready for placing in the vessel, which by the way, was to be launched on May 9. An alteration in the design of her boilers at this stage of her construction would practically have meant the pulling apart and rebuilding of the ship, to say nothing of the delay and expense involved in such an undertaking. We have certain doubts about the wisdom of fitting water-tube boilers to the new yacht, considering the duties which she will be called upon to fulfil, as those duties are so distinctly dissimilar to those which the ordinary cruiser and battleship perform, and for which the tubulous boiler is so peculiarly fitted. At the same time after the decision was made, and all structural arrangements modified accordingly, retrocession was well-nigh impossible.

Our new exercising area at Salisbury affords the War Office a most favourable opportunity of doing something in a practical manner to benefit the army, and it would have been an immense pity if the opportunity had been lost at a moment when the British taxpayer is showing himself desirous of assisting those in high military authority to improve the condition of our land forces and render them better fitted to discharge the duties which they may any day be called upon to perform. There is no excuse for the continuance of the existing system of distribution of troops. We are ready to allow that hitherto the question of finance has had much to do with the inaction of the responsible officials. But such is the temper of the public just now that any reasonable amount of money asked for is forthcoming, so deep-rooted is the impression that the army is behind the age. There is no matter bearing upon the general efficiency of the ...tish is of greater importance for the moment ...arracks, and it is gratifying to find that ...ached in a statesmanlike manner.

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...trograde movement has been a ...ter down the back of American ...e dissatisfaction, to give it a mild ...nteer corps in Manila is a pregnant ...itary governments. But though the ...y of the Volunteers of Minnesota and ...es in the Philippines, re-echoed in the ... States by senators, congressmen, and the press, ...come so harshly after the "Io pæans" of the vic- ...ous battalions, and startled the White House from ...ms of peaceful extension in the East, there is no ...n to think that the United States will hesi- ...for one moment to "take up the white man's ...den" and to see the business of theirs in the ...ds to the bitter end. The qualities shown by the ...ves, making allowances for their advantages in ...nate and in the difficulties of the country, enable us ...understand why the Spaniards failed to put down ...e rebellion in which the Filipinos learned the lessons ...hich they are now turning to account against the ...mericans. The advice so freely given to the Govern- ...ent of Washington to follow our example in India, ...nd to stiffen the backs of a regular native Army by a ...disciplined Army of American troops cannot be acted ...on even if it were agreeable, and General Lawton's ...declaration that it would need 100,000 men to garrison ...the island, even if it were made in some measure to ...cover his retreat, opens a vista to the President and ...people full of doubts and difficulties.

It has been decided that the French armoured cruiser Conde, which belongs to last year's programme, but is not yet in hand, shall be built at Lorient instead of at Cherbourg, where many preparations had been made. She will be laid down alongside the Gloire, and it is believed that work upon her will proceed more rapidly and some economy be effected. Cherbourg is busy with the long delayed battleship Henri IV. and several ships in course of reconstruction, as well as with the sub-marines and submersibles Morse and Narval, and is to undertake the Francais and Algerien, which are to be built out of the Matin subscription. The first-class cruiser D'Entrecasteaux has at length been able to leave Toulon for Chinese waters where she is to relieve the old Vauban and receive the flag of Rear-Admiral Courjolles.

The *Matin* believes that King Humbert and Admiral Fournier interchanged views as to the balance of power in the Mediterranean when the French squadron was at Cagliari. To us this seems very doubtful, and the enthusiasm which has since greeted our own squadron shows that the Italians still know their true policy. Admiral Fournier's speech at the luncheon on board the Brennus seems to have been couched in astonishingly flowery language, while the King expressed unbounded admiration of the French squadron, which, he said, the admiral should be as proud to exhibit as he was worthy to command it. Such expressions of international courtesy and kindly feelings are very pleasant, though, of course, it would be easy to attach too much importance to them. We think there will be greater reality to the Italian Sovereign in the felicitations of the British officers.

The American paper now published in the Philippines contains an account of a record trip made by the Powerful from Hong Kong to Manila, which goes far to support our oft-quoted contention that the only real demonstration of the value of a vessel's boilers and machinery will be found after a spell of foreign service. The Powerful left Hong Kong on Tuesday, March 7 at 8-15 a.m., and remained in the offing at target practice until nearly three p.m., when she started off on a full-power and quarterly-passage trial, anchoring in Manila Bay shortly after nine p.m. the next evening. She maintained a speed of over twenty knots for the whole trip, until she eased down at seven p.m. to sixteen knots to steam up the bay, past Corregidor Island in the dark. Everything worked excellently and with the utmost smoothness, as good a proof as could be wanted that the ship is thoroughly efficient in her machinery department. It is supposed that she would have even made a higher speed and that the maximum would have been over twenty-one knots, but for the circumstance that the ship was drawing more water than she had ever done before, and that the hull was probably somewhat weedy from her stay at Hong Kong. The total distance from Hong Kong to Manila as made during the run is 647 knots, and had the vessel started straight away from the former place the passage would have been made in thirty-two hours. The time occupied in making good the distance of 647 knots from port to port, including going in and out of harbour, was thirty-three hours. As it was, she steamed for over twenty-eight hours continuously at over twenty knots without the the slightest trouble and with ordinary coal, which had probably been a long time in stock and somewhat deteriorated. The Americans appear to be immensely struck with this performance, and no wonder, for if they have believed half what has been said about the ship at home they must have thought her an utter failure.

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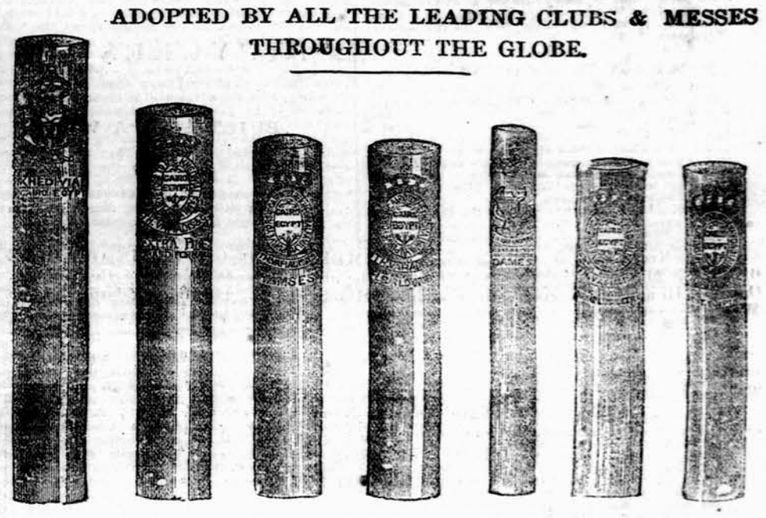

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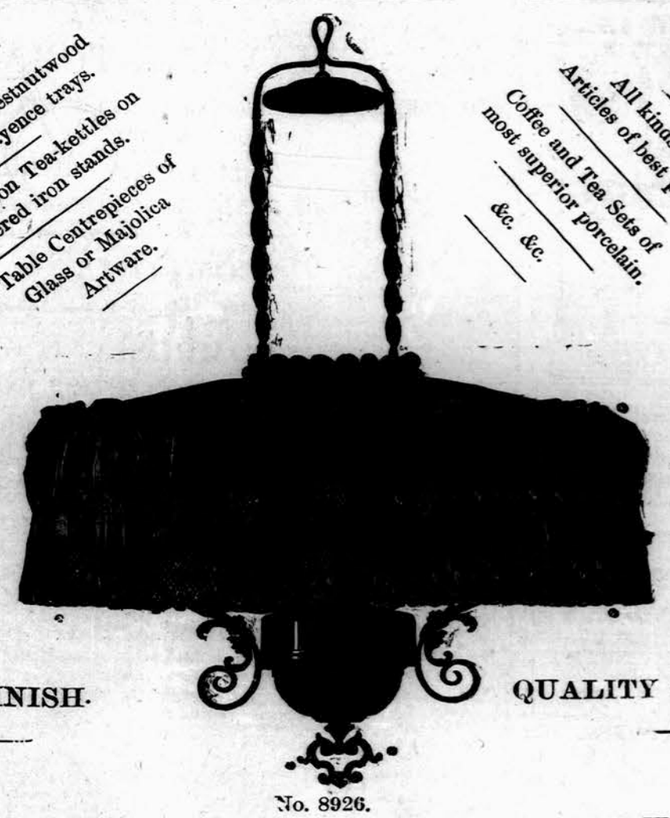

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